

KEY NOTES



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“Inspire Conservation Through Education”

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THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"Inspire Conservation Through Education"

As Region Director, I have recently experienced several weeks of intense travel to four SAR State Conventions and to the NGC Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Throughout the whirlwind of activity, the exceptional hospitality and talents of our SAR members shone through.

Each State provided me a personable, knowledgeable page which helped make the conventions a truly enjoyable experience. I especially appreciated the beautiful designs created in my honor at the State Conventions.

The tours were excellent as I truly enjoyed the visit to "Poplar Forest," Thomas Jefferson's plantation in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Traveling through those same mountains to the General Butler State Park in Carrollton, Kentucky, was a breathtaking experience! Awarding six Scholarship winners a total of \$ 10,450.00 was remarkable. I will hold dear my Honorary Membership in the Garden Club of Kentucky.

An excellent and informative workshop for youth was presented by Darene Honeycutt in Durham, NC. As SAR Children's Gardens/School Gardens Chairman, she has a wealth of information and is willing to share with all our States.

As I told the members present at these four State Conventions, Southern Hospitality abides in the South Atlantic Region. To be welcomed at an unfamiliar airport by a smiling face, to walk into a hotel room to find a welcome basket filled with treats, to enjoy table designs that embellish a gracious Southern meal... what can be more heartwarming? The perfect ending to this journey was to return to the familiar faces of my friends in South Carolina and to share in the dedication of "A Children's Native Plant Garden" at Riverbanks Botanical Garden.

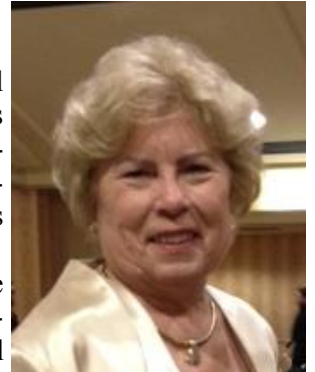
Our guest designer at the NGC Convention SAR Breakfast was Pauline Flynn. All attendees agreed she was a talented designer and speaker. Nearly 50 SAR members attended the NGC Convention.

West Virginia GC will be hosting the SAR Convention at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs on March 26-28, 2017, followed by the WVGC Convention on March 28-30, 2017. Our prayers are with them as they are experiencing major flooding in this area (June 26-29, '16). Keep them and our Regions in your prayers.

NGC President Sandra Robinson will install our incoming 2017-2019 SAR Director Judy Barnes and Alternate Director Mary Lou Goodman from NC. The 2017-2019 SAR Representatives to NGC Nominating Committee are June Ashworth and Alternate Carolyn Patterson from WV; and Mary Owen and Alternate Phyllis Steele from VA.

The SAR appointed special committee is making progress with obtaining a 501 (c) 3 status for our Region before May 31, 2017.

Sarah Ann Parler



State Presidents' Themes and Reports



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

The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. is having a busy spring and summer. Members attended our Annual Convention at General Butler State Resort Park in Carrollton, Kentucky. Our guest speaker on Wednesday night was Sara Ann Parler, South Atlantic Region Director. We enjoyed her inspiring message. Kentucky presented six Scholarships totaling over \$10,000 and one of our winners also received a National Scholarship Award in the amount of \$4,000. We are very proud of each of these young students. At the Thursday morning Awards Brunch, many clubs received State Awards for their projects and programs. I was happy to present certificates to three clubs for sponsoring New Youth Garden Clubs. We are making great progress involving our youth in gardening activities and pollinator education, keeping in mind SAR Director's desire that everyone accepts responsibility for conservation and preservation of our environment.

It was an honor and privilege to represent Kentucky at National Garden Club, Inc. convention in the beautiful city of Grand Rapids, Michigan along with the other state presidents of South Atlantic Region. Congratulations goes to Warren

East Garden Club and Gateway Garden Club for cash awards for supporting National objectives in Bee a Hero Gardening for Wildlife and Operation Wildflowers.

Now that summer has arrived, many clubs in the state are preparing for garden tours, flower shows at state fairs and in their communities, proudly displaying the results of hours in their gardens from planting and growing beautiful horticulture. Other plans include two weekends of fun and learning co-sponsored by the Garden Club of Kentucky and the Kentucky Department of Parks. August 19-21 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park and September 9-11 at Jenny Willey State Resort Park are the dates of these exciting events. Hands-on workshops, bees and butterflies and a toad or two, photography, field trips, planting, native plant sale, herbs, and other activities will be offered.

Remember this summer to slow down, take time to see the countless things of beauty that your garden brings. Happy Gardening

Edith S. Nelson



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

Whew! It's been a busy time of year! Spring is upon us and it's time to get into the yard with our trowels and snippers and dig in the dirt! If the weather will cooperate, maybe I'll have a chance to see some pretty butterflies soon. The birds have been plentiful as attested by my birdbaths. I see them bathing again and again, fluttering their feathers as they dunk and flap their wings. I do have two different milkweed plants up and blooming plus annuals to attract the beautiful butterflies. The hummingbirds seemed to make an early arrival to this garden. I do love this time a year, a time for renewal.

While spring is a time of regrowth, so it is with garden clubs. Most of our clubs slow down for the summer while others continue their programs through the summer. The Four Seasons Garden Club of Lillington had a Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication on Memorial Day, May 31, 2016. Congratulations to this fine club on their great work and contributions to their community. We have two more Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedications

planned before the end of the year at this time.

Our Youth Clubs are growing also, as I was recently informed that we have just pasted the 1,000 member mark for youth garden club members. Let's give a big shout out to our clubs and club leaders for their great work with our youth.

We had a wonderful spring with a wonderful SAR Meeting in Raleigh with Ginny Parker and Susan Hooper as Chairmen in March. We then went to our Annual Meeting in Durham, which was wonderful, which was hosted by the Durham Council of Garden Clubs with Marcia Loudon and Trish Stewart as Chairs in April. We gave out many wonderful awards to our clubs and members. Our Member Award of Honor Recipient, Linda Stewart, won the award for North Carolina, the South Atlantic Region and National. We're very proud of Linda as she's a very worthy candidate. Carolyn Augustine took home the Maslin Award from our State Awards. She was also a very worthy winner. North Carolina had several delegates to the NGC Convention in Grand Rapids, MI in May.

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The GCNC Flower Show Symposium will be August 21, 22 & 23 at the Twin City Quarters, Winston-Salem. Sponsored by The Garden Club of North Carolina and the Winston-Salem/West Piedmont Judges Council, Horticulture Instructor will be Darlene Newell and Design Instructor will be Claudia Bates. Joyce Adams is Chairman and can be reached at 336-924-8881; jadams4207@triad.rr.com

As we look forward to the fall, we are looking forward to our Fall Board Meeting in Rocky Mount, September 11-12, 2016 and then to the NGC Fall Board Meeting in Portland, ME, September 19-25, 2016.

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



GCSC Springs into Action!

The Garden Club of South Carolina is in midterm full bloom!

April was a very busy month! We hosted our annual **Youth Symposium** at Riverbanks Zoo on Saturday, April 9th to present 50 youth awards and had over 150 people attend. At the April 27th Board meeting, the GCSC Board voted to accept three more Affiliate Members: **South Carolina Wildlife Federation, Moore Farms Botanical Garden, and the Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden**. Also, we dedicated the **GCSC Native Plant Garden** in the new Children's Garden at Riverbanks Botanical Garden during our Vice Presidents' Reception. Riverbanks Botanical Director Andy Cabe and Children's Garden Director Amanda Segura participated in the ceremony. On April 28th, GCSC had 140 members present at our annual State Meeting which featured **Doug Tal-**

Opportunity for Kindness

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

We shouldn't wait for the perfect moment to give a compliment or do a favor. Moments come and go too quickly. If we wait for them, we're likely to miss them altogether. We should always indulge an urge to do something nice for others. When the impulse hits, go with it. Give a compliment. Do the favor. Say something that will cheer a friend.

Happy Summer! .

Gail Hill

lamy as keynote speaker.

In May, eight GCSC members and I attended the NGC Convention in Grand Rapids.

We are eagerly anticipating our midterm **Summer Expo** to be held at the SC Farmers' Market on Saturday, July 16th. We are expecting 150 members from throughout the state to attend this information meeting and indoor picnic. **Pearl Fryar** is a featured speaker and will provide several of his topiaries for our raffle.

GCSC is co-sponsoring the **2016 Native Plant Symposium** with the SC Native Plant Society and the SC Botanical Garden on October 7-9 at the Madren Conference Center at Clemson University. This will be open to the public. Registration is online at www.scnps.org

Let's bloom and grow together!

Yvonne Morris



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

Do you ever wonder why the passing of time seems to be accelerating? That's what I am contemplating as I realize that the first year of the 2015-2017 administration has been completed. And what a wonderful year it has been! Club anniversaries, Blue Star dedications, Flower Shows, Conventions, Awards, Educational Programs, FSS, LDS, FS

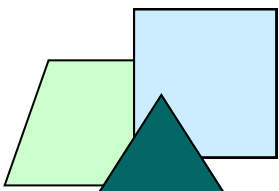
Judges Symposium, and the launching of our Plant Together Community Projects, Plus One Membership Campaign, Monarch Way Station plantings, and Green Gloves for Planting Trees have kept this president busy and on the road. What an enjoyable and satisfying first year. Now we turn to the second year of the administration and goals to be accomplished.

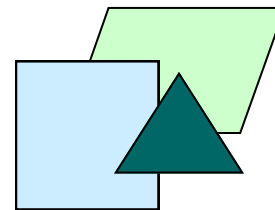
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Why not visit us in Lynchburg, Virginia for Flower Show School Course IV that begins Monday, August 29? The NGC Flower Show School Instructors dynamic duo of Julia Clevett and Dottie Howatt, will be with us. Functional and Exhibition Tables, Petite Designs, Broadleaf Evergreens, container-grown ivies plus Collections and Displays are our topics. Don't miss this fun and educational event. Flower Show Judges may use Course IV as a refresher.

VFGC's successful Landscape Design School will be in Richmond at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden for Course IV on September 28-29. Come enjoy Virginia's beautiful September weather as you learn about Evaluating Residential, Public and Business Landscapes, Designing Cottage Gardens and Contemporary Landscape Design and other featured topics.

The last Symposium for this administration will be November 9-10 in Richmond. I am looking forward to hearing Lynn Fonk speak on Kinetic Designs and "How to Create an Armature." We are pleased to welcome to Virginia for the first time Gay Austin, our NGC 2nd VP and new Horticulture Instructor, whose topics include *Sansevieria*, ferns and "Imagination Unleashed" (miniature gardens).

The VFGC website www.virginagardenclubs.org is the place

to go for more details including the registration form for each of these quality educational opportunities.

South Atlantic Region members should be proud that from our ranks come the current NGC president, Sandy Robinson, and our incoming president, Nancy Hargroves.

The Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs is pleased to host the 2017 National Garden Club convention to honor Sandy for her outstanding leadership and achievements and to welcome Nancy as our new president. Have you saved the dates May 18-20 for the National Garden Club Convention in Richmond? Make attending this convention a priority in 2017 to support Sandy and Nancy and to let them know how proud we are of them.

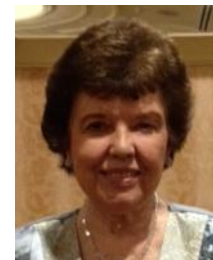
We will soon receive applications from our clubs for VFGC's Keys to the Future Youth Grants and for our Grants to Beautify and Restore programs. I can't wait to see what fabulous projects the clubs have planned. This fall, I look forward to being with our VFGC members who are "Making Connections to Shape the Future." I am very proud of our members and their accomplishments.

Janice M. Clem

West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

Judy Guye Swanson, President

Theme: "Plant The Seeds and Grow With Us"



West Virginia Garden Clubs have been busy "planting seeds" this spring with many different activities. Gateway Garden Club in Martinsburg dedicated "The Gateway Children's Garden at Ambrose Park June 18th. This has been nearly a three year project. Gateway Garden Club member, Sue Ann Palmer, had the idea for the garden, but then had to secure funding and materials before it could become a reality. Funding came in the form of grants, donations, gifts, volunteer labor and sponsorships from families and individuals for this half million dollar Garden. The many activities in the Garden can be seen as teaching tools for ecology, nature and physical education to create a fun learning environment. The garden surrounds a "mountain" design, making a central rock and dirt feature for children to climb on. Various play centers wind around the base of the mountain and up the sides, including a "hobbit house".

Emma Scott Garden Club President, B.J. McKenzie, chose a

Blue Star Memorial Marker as her project for Little Arlington Cemetery, a Veterans cemetery, outside of Elkins. This dedication June 14th, on Flag Day, was West Virginia Garden Club's 79th Blue Star Memorial.

Pollinator Gardens, Beautification projects, Flower Show School and Landscape Design School are but a few of our "planting seeds" projects this Spring. Shenandoah-Potomac Garden Council held their 60th House and Garden Tour of Historic Berkeley and Jefferson Counties April 25-26 and Lewisburg held their 35th Home and Garden tour June 11, sponsored by Lewisburg's four garden clubs for beautification projects.

WVGC will host the SAR Convention March 26-28, 2017, at the Greenbrier. Please read the invitation to the SAR Convention later in the newsletter.

Judy Guye

Chairman Reports

ARBOR DAY

Geneva Hunt



Did any of your garden clubs do anything special to celebrate Arbor Day this past spring? We need to promote Arbor Day by planting trees or other plantings or by cleaning up an area or any other way to promote Arbor Day.

As plans are made in states and clubs during the summer, try to plan a way to celebrate Arbor Day. Many of our students (and maybe some parents) don't know about the history of this day and how our projects can help our environment.

Then try to get publicity for your club and state while celebrating in your own way. Try to involve other groups with you. This could become a community project.

Let this chairman know what you did or what plans you have for Arbor Day 2017. She would like to hear from clubs and states so she can highlight some of the activities.



AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS PROTECTION

June Ashworth

The Aquatic Ecosystem in America is being attacked on all fronts. In the last twenty years we have seen floods, droughts, forest fires, tornados and other disasters that leave us all subject to a bleak future. One small town in Kentucky has seen 3 tornados in the last four years, and a total of 24 since 1950.

The forest fires in California caused enormous damage. The trees that collected the rain water are no longer there to do their job, so rain water is sent rushing to the oceans. This leave a lack of fresh water for consumption to millions of people. The flooding in West Virginia in June has disrupted the lives of thousands of people, killed at least 22 people and almost destroyed or damaged 35 schools that were preparing to start in a month. Some of these schools will have to be completely replaced.

Global Warming is causing the glaciers to melt which is rais-

ing the level of the sea every year threatening cities that are built in coastal areas.

If you ask experts why these events are increasing, the typical answer is over population. But I suggest another factor. We have been so accustomed to using every natural resource as if there is no limit to its life. Our natural resources do have a life. We are quickly coming to grips to the fact that the lack of fresh water is going to be a great problem in the future. And life cannot exist without fresh water.

You and I are a big part of the Aquatic Ecosystem – let us think about our habits and be very careful of how we use natural resources—water, forest products, gas and coal that produce electricity for example. A former teacher once told this writer that to clean up America it only took one person. Looking at me she said “each person is responsible to do their part.” One person at a time can change factors that are causing the problems with the Aquatic Ecosystems.



AWARDS

Judy Ann Fray

“Study SAR Awards as Projects Progress”

Your SAR Awards Chairman suggests that clubs involved in LANDSCAPE Projects review SAR Award # 16: Landscape Design for Church Gardens. There is an award for a club AND another for an individual member. This new addition to our awards list was not used in its first year.

Also, check out # 18: Vision of Beauty Calendar Sales. Does your club buy / sell more than 2 calendars per member? You could be a winner. Check it out and apply.

Having a Flower Show? Apply for # 15 A or B: This award is for the SCHEDULE ONLY. Do not send the Book of Evidence for this one.

By now, you must have the idea: Read the full list of SAR Awards on the SAR Website, create or complete your project. Let's have increased participation in these specific areas for 2016-17.

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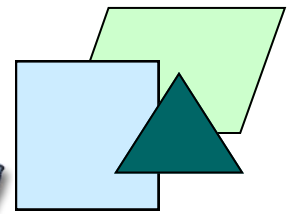


BEES AND BUTTERFLY PRESERVATION/ ENDANGERED SPECIES

Joanna Kirby

Have you ever wondered what would happen if a dedicated group of gardeners partnered with a state park system on a project? Well, wonder no more! The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. partnered with the Kentucky Department of Parks in 2013 to launch a program on Monarch Waystations under then president, Joanna Kirby. The original goal was to reach out to 5 of the 49 parks and work with them to plan and plant a native habitat for the Monarch butterfly on park property where their many visitors would mostly likely see them. As garden clubs in the state began to work with the parks in their area more parks were proposed and more waystations were started. At this time there are 10 parks with certified waystations(through Monarch-Watch.org) and 5 more currently working on certifying. In all 29 parks have been visited and are making plans to create this valuable garden for not only the Monarchs but all pollinators as well. When this project began there were only 36 certified waystations in Kentucky, now there are 360!

In order to achieve this goal you will need a commitment from your clubs and a desire to travel throughout your state. Contact your State Park Commissioner and State Naturalist first and propose a plan. Begin with a small number of parks that could easily be managed. Have packets of materials ready that would include plant lists, sun exposure and size as well as brochures from MonarchWatch that explain the process. Have a contact person added to this packet with phone numbers and email addresses that park staff can contact. Plan to make a site visit and personally meet with the park manager and /or naturalist and take the time to look at proposed sites with them. Passion and enthusiasm go a long way with this project and if you are excited they more than likely will pick it up as well. Always follow up either with a phone call or email and check on their progress and address any questions that they may have. Encourage each park to certify and name their garden so that they will have a vested interest in what they have accomplished. Offer to work with their staff to help educate visitors about the importance of a waystation. If they have volunteers at the parks talk with them about this project and encourage them to participate. Explain the need for these valuable native habitats that will help protect our pollinators now and in the future. Enjoy the process and your beautiful state parks!



BIRDS

Betty Gorrie

Did you keep the April issue of Key Notes? So go look it up and read the question at the end of the Bird Report. Here is the answer:

HUMMING BIRD ANSWER: The Praying Mantis is among the most lethal, ruthless, and amoral of insects. They eat insect pests and anything else they can catch, including frogs, mice and even HUMMINGBIRDS. They are cannibalistic and will “have the family over for dinner” once they have killed their prey. The female Mantis is bigger than the male and will kill him after mating by biting off his head. The Mantis is an insect that can turn its head from side to side, which enables it to stalk and watch its prey before attacking. Some believe the Mantis is the most intelligent insect because of this feature..



CALENDARS

Elaine Thornton

It's that time of year again – time to begin making plans on how many 2017 Vision of Beauty Calendars you and your club will order. When making your club or district or state fall and winter plans think about including the sale of Vision of Beauty Calendars. Also, remember they make gifts for speakers and friends. Think Vision of Beauty Calendars for all your club needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/ RECYCLING

Karen Prewitt

Grassroots Green

I was cleaning out a desk drawer yesterday and came across a piece of paper containing a quote that I had saved for a future environmental article. I just realized that my next *Key Notes* article is now due, so I decided to share the quote with you today. The quote has been attributed to two different sources. The first says that it is ancient Native-American wisdom, the second gives credit to John J. Audubon. Either way, it is worth remembering:

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

In researching information for articles to share with you I am always discovering statistics from the experts that are truly disturbing. Things like:

The average American household throws away 13,000 separate pieces of paper a year and most of it is packaging. Are we recycling *all* of this, or are we throwing this in the landfills?

Americans throw away 25 trillion Styrofoam coffee cups each year. Does *all* of this Styrofoam get shredded to become an additive in potting soil? If not, where does it go?

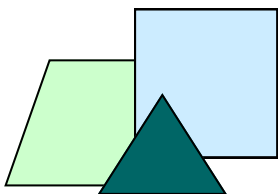
To produce each week's Sunday newspapers 500,000 trees are cut. Recycling a single run of *The New York Times* saves 75,000 trees. If *all* our newspapers were recycled we could save 250 million trees.

Americans used two and a half million plastic bottles every hour. Are you recycling *all* those plastic water bottles you are using to keep hydrated this summer?

About 80 million Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, using enough foil to cover 40 football fields. *All* of this foil can be recycled, but few people actually put this tiny scrap in a recycling container.

Aluminum is one of the most useful materials to recycle. A used beverage container can be back on the grocery shelves in sixty days and recycling one container can save enough energy to run a television for three hours, or a 60 watt bulb for a whole day. There is no limit to the number of times aluminum can be recycled. Why then isn't water being sold in aluminum cans?

As garden club members we consider ourselves stewards of the environment, but are we doing enough? A quote from Gaylord Nelson causes me to pause. *"The ultimate test of our conscience is our willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard."*



HISTORIC GARDENS

Linda Craiger

Farmington Historic Plantation in Kentucky

A recent article in The Courier-Journal newspaper, Louisville, KY, outlined how the Farmington Historic Plantation in Louisville, KY, will be adding hemp to its grounds through the 2016 Hemp Pilot Program through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.



This is the 200th anniversary of this Historic 19th-century Hemp Plantation. According to the article, what set this plantation apart from others, future President Lincoln had a 3 weeks visit there in 1841. The home is known for its authentic original furnishings and accessories.

The article also featured a photo that included Mrs. John Marshall, president of the Audubon Park Garden Club, working in the garden in 1960, which featured plants typical of the early 1800's. The plantation was opened to the public in 1959. To visit this historic garden, go to the Farmington Historic Plantation web site for hours of operation and directions.



NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

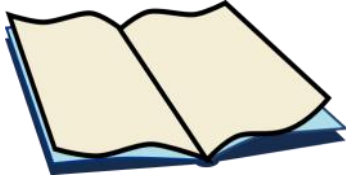
Mary H. Dixon

Clubs within our Region celebrated National Garden Week June 5-11, 2016. Celebrations included special tours, events and flower arrangements for libraries or other places. Please let this chairman know what you did so it can be shared with others in the South Atlantic Region. Remember there is an award for this and apply but even if you do not apply let us know what you did.

Also, we are saddened by the loss of our National Garden Week NGC Chairman Elaine DiPietro. If you need information about National Garden Week Gail S. Corle is the Vice-Chairman. National Garden Week will be celebrated June 4 - 10, 2017. Plan now for an event, have your city Mayor sign a proclamation declaring June 4 - 10, 2017, National Garden Week in your city and apply for an award. There are copies of a proclamation on the NGC website and you can just have the Mayor sign that and while you are at it take a small token of appreciation, like an arrangement, so city persons know we appreciate them also.

Thank you all for what you do to let others know we are National Gardeners and are proud of it.

Chairman Reports (continued)



PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS

Barbara Ohmsen

Are your clubs getting any publicity – local, state, region, national? If so, you need to keep the articles (with the date-line attached) and get your book to your state chairman in January! The judging scale is on the NGC Website – so you can see what the requirements are. Start collecting articles now for 2016.

It seems that everyone is having a hard time getting publicity for their clubs. This might be one award that should be dropped. What do you think? We only had ten applicants from four states.



THE CORRIE WHITLOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FROM SAR

Marsha Alexander

Scholarships are an important way to secure our future goals as Garden Club Members. For the 2015-2016 year, I was so pleased to receive five Scholarship applications, one from each State in the SAR. A committee of Garden Club Members reviewed and helped judge each application. We were impressed with all of the applicants. The following Scale of Points is used to evaluate each application:

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

The The 2017 scholarship winners will be announced at the 2017 SAR Convention in West Virginia.

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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, 2017

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VIDEOS/DVD PROGRAMS

Dorothy Richardson

This Chairman would like to let you know that we have lots of exciting garden-related Programs. If you need a program on a particular subject please contact NGC Headquarters, MEMBER SERVICES. Email: headquarters@gardenclub.org Phone: 314-776-7574, Address: 4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110



WILDFLOWER / ROADSIDES

Mary Ann Powell Kirby

South Carolina native bushes (*Calycanthus floridus*) when in bloom permeate the afternoon with their "fruity strawberry" fragrance in my South Carolina garden. This beautiful native plant produces seed pods which contain seeds which can be gathered after the Pods are dried to give seeds to all your Garden Club Members during the plant exchange.

On Sunday afternoons our family would visit our Grandparents in Landrum, S.C. and the N.C. Grandparents in Mills Springs. Both Grandmothers loved plants and both had different types of plants in their Gardens. The one plant they had in common was "Sweet Shrub" and it was grown for the wonderful fragrance! Every time I see this plant and crush the bloom I think of these two Grandmothers who loved this unique plant! The "sweet bubbly bush" is also known as Sweetshrub, Carolina Allspice and Sweet Betsy. My grandmothers grew "Sweet Bubby" as they both called this plant and always had it crushed in their handkerchiefs! The Word "Bubby" is a British term meaning bosom. The Family Story of how this plant obtained this name was recanted by both Grandmothers and Aunt Rosa and Great Aunt Maybelle. So hearing this story as a child I believed it to be a family story which was true! Years ago when there was no air condition and no deodorant "Sweet Shrub" served all gardeners well with its wonderful Scent. When there were only outhouses and no indoor bathrooms, *Calycanthus* was planted near the outhouse. The story which has been passed down in our family by Aunt Rosa was that ladies would put a handkerchief filled with crushed sweet "Bubby" and place it inside the bosom when one went to Church! The heat of the body made the scent stronger! It served as air freshener when the summer heat inside the Southern churches started to rise. Many put it in their cars during summer or in their shirt pockets! The fragrance has been described as smelling like raisins, cantaloupes strawberries and bananas! The fragrance is in the flower, stems, leaves and roots!

Wait until after the plant blooms before pruning. If you want to see the interesting seed pods which are evident in my photo, you may want to wait much later after they are formed!

To control this Native Plant gather the pods before they dry and drop seeds. This native plant grows in areas by the roadsides. In my garden it receives some sun and has seedpods filled with seeds! The foliage turns a beautiful yellow in the fall. I have it planted near the entrance to our home. Other plants I have it planted near are forsythia and azaleas.

In the wild this chairman suspects the pods dry on the bush and fall to the ground to create a cluster of these plants. A newer Variety called "Athens" was developed in Athens, Georgia and has a green bloom.

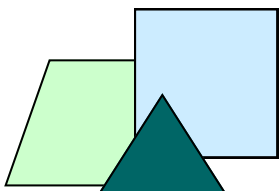


YOUTH – SMOKEY BEAR/WOOSY OWL POSTERS

Barbara Ohmsen

CONGRATULATIONS!!! This will let everyone in the South Atlantic Region know that SAR won (for the second time) the award for the most Smokey Bear posters turned in!

It could only have happened because the state/district chairmen got extremely busy and got the word out to ALL the garden clubs! There is also Congrats to the State of Virginia – who won for the fifth time! It is now time to get the word out again to ALL CLUBS to start the process of alerting schools, youth groups, etc. about the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest. This chairman is looking forward to receiving the winning posters from all states next February!



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SAR Convention 2017

“Southern Charm and Hospitality” South Atlantic Region Convention March 26-28, 2017 The Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs, WV



It is with pleasure that West Virginia Garden Club invites you to attend the annual Convention of the South Atlantic Region to be held at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, WV. The dates are March 26-28th, 2017 ...just in time for the daffodils to bloom. Located amid the breathtaking mountains of West Virginia, The Greenbrier is a National Historic Landmark and world-class resort that has been welcoming guests since 1778.

There will be workshops available during the three days, in addition to a tour of the Bunkers and other tours of the Hotel's interior. Sandy Robinson, our National President will bring official greetings.

The room rates including all taxes and fees will be: standard/intermediate room \$207 a night for 2 people; Superior room, \$254.00 a night for 2 people. Mark your calendar and save the dates to be at The Greenbrier next March to enjoy Southern Charm and Hospitality. Look for the Registration Form in the October issue of Key Notes. It will also be on the South Atlantic Region website. Registration deadline will be February 24, 2017.

Convention Chairman: Jerry Shriver, 304-276-8288. jshriver@suddenlink.net

Co-Chairman: Martha Hilton 304-667-7060 agentwv@mountain.net

“Inspire Conservation Through Education”

Special Project:
AWEsome
AirWaterSoil-some



501 (c) (3) for SAR

As was decided at our 2016 Convention, a committee is investigating the work involved for the possibility of getting our own 501(c)(3) designation. As further information is available, it will be conveyed to you.

National Garden Clubs, Inc.



Sandy Robinson
2015-2017 NGC President

Theme:
“Leap Into Action”



NGC 2016 Convention
“Blooming on the Grand”

The Garden Clubs of Michigan planned a GRAND Convention for us at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids in early May. We were treated to a variety of speakers, topics, entertainment, and vendors. We were sorry that all of our SAR members could not attend. And we always enjoy visiting with our friends (many of whom we only see twice a year).

Our own Sandra Robinson did a terrific job presiding and keeping us on track and on schedule. The meetings were interesting and concise.

Our five state presidents collected awards for their states and clubs at the Awards Banquet. The list of awards for our Region are listed on pages 14, as well as some photos from the Convention (pages 12 & 13).

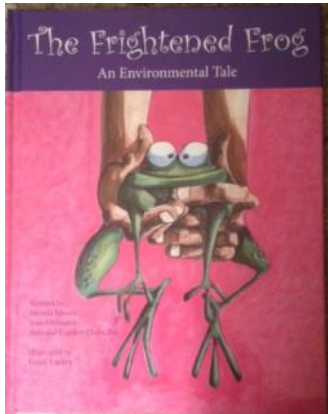
2018 Vision of Beauty Calendars

ATTENTION: DESIGNERS

Please consider photographing your designs and submitting them to the calendar committee for the “Visions of Beauty” calendar.

The 2018 entry form and rules are on the NGC website: www.gardenclub.org. Select forms at the top of the page; then the VOB tab.

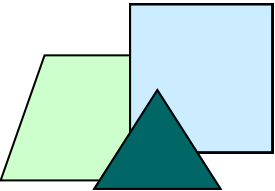
Check it out. More entries are needed from the South Atlantic Region.



Virginia Is For Gardeners
NGC Convention 2017
Richmond, Virginia
May 18-20, 2017

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!

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National Garden Clubs (continued)



SAR Director Sarah Ann Parler



Sarah Ann with SAR Award



NGC Chaplain Sara Brooks



Sarah Ann with Sandra Robinson Awards Ceremony



"Containers of Personality" Carol Sue Brodback



Our State Presidents: Judy Guye (WV), Janice Clem (VA), Yvonne orris (SC), Director Sarah Ann Parler, Gail Hill (NC), and Edith Nelson (KY)



Barbara Ohmsen (second from left) with Smokey Bear and Poster Award Plaque



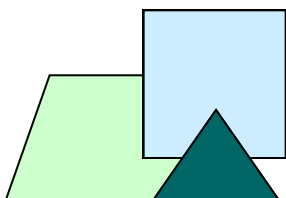
Three Men and a Tenor Entertainment



Lobby And Chandelier



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AWARDS RECEIVED BY SAR STATES AT NGC CONVENTION

All awards are for First Place in Size Category (Certificate of Commendation) unless noted as Certificate of Merit for Overall Winner

1 Civic Achievement

Aiv Lake of the Woods GC (VA)

6 Conservation

Aii Clarice Wilson GC (SC)

7 Special Achievement

Aiii The Avid Gardeners of Hilton Head (SC)

12 Publications

1-Newsletter—1 Sheet of paper

Aii Monticello GC “Monticello News” (VA)

Aiv Lake of the Woods GC “Garden Club Notes” (VA)

2-Newsletter or Magazine of 3-12 pages

Ai Green Meadow Point GC “The Green Thumb” (VA)

3-Magazine or Bulletin of 13-24 pages

Aiii Rock Spring GC “The Gardenzette” (VA)

B Tidewater “Tidewater News & Views” (VA)

I South Atlantic Region “Key Notes”

13 Publications

1 Manuals, Handbooks

Dii West Virginia State GC “Programs, Projects and Ways & Means” (WV)

Diii The GC of South Carolina “Garden Club/Council Leadership” (SC)

2 Educational

Aiv Salisbury GC “Trees of Robius Landing” (VA)

7 Cookbooks

Aiv Lake of the Woods GC: “Bee Inspired-Cook With Herbs” (VA)

16 Yearbooks By Region-South Atlantic

A Garden Clubs

1. (under 20) Green Meadow Point GC (VA)

2. (20-29) Westchester GC (VA)

3. (30-44) Phymosia GC (WV)

4. (45-69) Clarice Wilson GC (SC)

5. (70-99) Chesapeake Bay GC (VA)

6. (100-299) Salisbury GC (VA)

7. (over 300) The GC of Charleston (SC)

B Group of Clubs or Districts

Garden Club of Greater Columbia (SC)

C State Garden Clubs

The Garden Club of Kentucky (KY)

19 Horticulture Therapy

Ai Sardiswood GC (NC) Overall Winner

29-1 Blue Star Memorial Landscaping, Highway

Ai Emerald Isle GC (NC)

29-2 Blue Star Memorial Landscaping, Byway

Aiv Lake of the Woods GC (VA)

41 Conservation Education

Aii Azalea GC of Sumter (SC)

42 Bird Protection

Aii Thomas Jefferson GC (VA) Overall Winner

44 Publicity Press Book by Regions—South Atlantic

Ai Green Meadow Point GC (VA)

Aii The Madison GC (VA)

Aiii The Garden Club of Danville (VA)

B Tidewater District (VA)

48 Horticulture Therapy Garden Project

Ai Hilliard Park GC (VA)

Aii Blue ridge GC (NC)

Aiii Avid Gardeners of Hilton Head (SC) Overall Winner

49 Community Landscape Design

Aii Clarice Wilson GC (SC)

51 Decoration of Historic Building

Ai Red Hill GC (VA)

53 National Garden Week

Aii Fleming County GC (KY)

63 Website

2Ai The Beaufort GC (SC)

2Aiii The Avid Gardeners of Hilton Head (SC)

2Biv The Hilton Head Council of GC (SC)

68 Video/CD/DVD

Aiii Rock Spring GC (VA) Overall Winner

Dii The GC of West Virginia (WV)

73 Civic Project with Native Plants

Ai Colonial GC (VA) Overall Winner (\$750)

Ai Fountain Inn GC (SC) (\$250)

Aii Flowertown GC (SC) (\$300)

74 Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails

Ai Warren East GC (KY) (\$750)

Aii Clarice Wilson GC (SC) (\$750)

Aiv Salisbury GC (VA) (\$250)

Member of Honor Recipients

Linda Stewart Croasdale GC (NC)

National Garden Clubs (continued)

Standard Flower Show Achievement Awards

Award 5 Club Standard Show

Lake of the Woods GC (VA) "Splendor in November"

Simpsonville GC (SC) "Fantasy Land & Flowers"

Coastal GC (NC) "Secret Gardens"

Award 18 Council Standard Show

Council of GC of Greater Charleston (SC) "Music City—Nashville"

Award 30 District Standard Show

Tidewater District VFGC (VA) "A Garden Wedding"

Award 57 Standard Flower Show in a Public Bldg.

Purcellville GC (VA) "Arts Gift to the World"

Youth Sculpture Contest

6th Grade, 2nd Place Eli Skoglund, Council of GC of Greater Charleston (SC)

7th Grade, 1st Place Cameron Tisdale, Council of GC of Greater Charleston (SC)

8th Grade, HM Amani Dayson, Magnolia GC of Johns Island (SC)

Certificates of Commendation

4th Grade Martina Rogers, GC of Elizabeth-

town (KY)

5th Grade Abbey Garvin, Riverland Terrace GC (SC)

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Winners

1st Place 1st Grade Alex Barton, Thoroughgood Elem. (VA)

NGC President's Projects

Monarch Watch/Waystations

1st (A) Boiling Spring Lakes GC (NC) (\$200)

Conservation in Action

1st Place Boiling Spring Lakes GC (NC) (\$500)

Scholarship Winners

Alexandra Marie Hezik (KY)

Erin Elizabeth Fegley (NC)

Ella Reeves (VA)

Julia Fregonara (WV)



Odds 'N' Ends

Directory Changes:

Yearbook changes: Address Change: Betty Gorrie, SAR Bird Chairman, 182 Corn Tassel Trail, Stoneville, N. C. 27048, phone: 1-336-623-0633, email: remains the same

Sympathy:

Death of Anne Brown from NC SAR Director 2007-2009

Death of Ann Samson from WV. SAR Alternate Director 2009-2011

Death of Martha Mengel, Pres. Garden Club of Kentucky 2007-2009

Schools/Symposia (as found on the websites. Check websites for details)

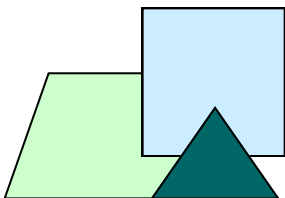
Aug. 18-20 Flower Show School Middleboro KY Donna Smith smithdonnae@gmail.com 606-269-2940

Aug. 21-23 Judges Symposium Winston-Salem NC Trish Sumners 336-945-4433

Aug. 29-Sept. 1 Flower Show School Course 4 Lynchburg VA Betsy Klein b.klein@jetbroadband.com

Sept. 28-29 Landscape Design School Course 4 Richmond VA Glenda Knowles 757-651-0401 ggknowles@cox.net

Oct. 5-6 Judges Symposium Sumter SC Linda Howle howlelinda@yahoo.com 843-616-2561

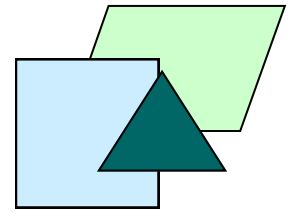


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National Garden Clubs, Inc provides education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.

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Thank You**