KEY NOTES

South Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc.



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"The Beauty of Nature: Protect, Preserve, Enjoy"

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THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Beauty of Nature: Protect, Preserve, Enjoy "

It is exciting for me to embark on my journey as your South Atlantic Region Director. As many of you know being outside is one of my favorite things to do. Whether it is gardening, hiking, or just sitting and looking at the beauty of a green tree against the deep blue sky, being outside is one of the joys of my life. It is not possible for all of us to be actively involved with the outside world. But we can all be aware of our world and do our best to Protect, Preserve, and Enjoy it! Thus, my theme reflects my deep belief that each of us has a



responsibility to make sure that our children, and their children have this beauty in their future.

My Director's Project reflects the theme I have chosen. Think of ways your club can contribute to the beauty of our land from picking up litter to donating money and/or time to our state lands. An award of \$100 will be presented to a club in 2018 and one in 2019 whose activity best reflects "Protect, Preserve, Enjoy".

We are happy to announce that the South Atlantic region was able to comply with all NGC requirements that we stand alone and no longer come under their umbrella. At our 2017 Convention, the membership approved new Standing Rules (all board members had received a copy by email) and the treasurer was able to remove all funds from the NGC Federal EIN number before May 31, 2017. New accounts were quickly opened for SAR using our own EIN number. SAR is now operating as a 501 (c) 3 organization on our own. Many thanks go to June Ashworth for all the work she put in on this time consuming and complicated endeavor.

Judy Barnes

State Presidents' Themes and Reports



The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. Paula Hyatt, President "Plant America—Kentucky"

Due to technical difficulties, this report will be in the October issue of Key Notes *Paula Hyatt*

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



What a wonder NGC Convention and what a fantastic job that the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. did on giving us such wonderful programs, speakers and tours. Our thanks go out to Sandra Robinson for two great years of leadership, and to Nancy Hargroves, for stepping up to take over the leadership for the next two years. Thank you, Janice Clem, President, VFGC.

The Garden Club of North Carolina will be in step with our incoming new National President, Nancy Hargroves, in her quest to PLANT AMERICA. We will promote her programs and rally behind her.

We will also continue to strive to improve our special projects and programs that we have on-going in North Carolina. We are especially proud this year that the Winston-Salem Judges Council is going to offer four courses in Flower Show Schools starting with the first one on August 21-23, 2017. The second one will be on March 19-21, 2018, the third one on September 17-19, 2018 and the fourth one on April 15-17, 2019. These will be held in Winston-Salem, NC. Along with this they also have a symposium planned for October 22-24, 2017 at The Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo, NC with two very talented instructors booked. The gardens are beautiful and this is at the beach, so it should be fantastic!

Our Blue Star Memorial Markers Program is going very well in North Carolina with over 90 markers in our state and several clubs and members either interested in erecting markers or refurbishing older ones. Our first Gold Star Marker was dedicated this spring. Of special note is the By-Way Marker placed at the Dunn Veterans Park in Dunn, NC inn November which was sponsored by the Junior Garden Club of Dunn which is the FIRST Blue Star Marker in the nation sponsored by a youth garden club.

Our Youth Garden Club Program is one of the best in the nation and we hope to keep it that way as the youth are our future. We now have 36 Youth Garden Club with 1,345 members. I have to congratulate our Youth Chairman, Darene Honeycutt and incoming Youth Chairman, Betty Gorrie and all our Youth Leaders for the fantastic job that you are doing with our youth.

We have a very strong Scholarship Program. For the last two years we have had \$21,000.00 to give to the Scholarship Program. We only wish that we had more applications.

We must keep our garden club members happy and reminded that they are so important to our being here. We are here for the above mentioned reasons; learning about gardening, teaching our children and others about nature, flowers, trees, amphibians, the plight of the monarch, how to honor our veterans and servicemen and women. We learn how to do and do for others through garden therapy and countless other ways.

I want us to keep reaching out, learning and trying to bring in more members to grow with us as we reach higher in our quest to educate ourselves and our children, grandchildren and neighbors. We can do this if we put our minds and hearts together and work to the betterment of man and our surroundings.

Gail Hill

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. Donna Donnelly, President Theme: "Birds of a Feather Garden Together "



The Garden Club of South Carolina is just settling into a comfortable momentum since the April 2017 Convention. The GCSC website has been updated. Many members from across the state attended a wonderful cake and punch reception at my home, hosted by my club, the Elloree Garden Club. I have already traveled the state visiting with several garden clubs representing GCSC and presenting my President's Projects. And the GCSC State Committee Chairmen are busily planning their presentations for our July 15th EXPO.

At the EXPO club members will pick up lots of information from the GCSC Chairmen and District Directors. They will hear speakers and join in workshops that demonstrate the President's theme and state projects. This information-rich fair will help the District Directors and local clubs set up their club year and align their programs and projects to state, regional and national awards. It is the single most important

event at the start of a new term and sets the stage for the two years ahead. In recent years the event has drawn in about 300 members! So with this tremendous representation we like to show our appreciation and make it lots of fun! The event offers free lunch, a silent auction, vendors, goodie bags and so much more! It is a very casual setting and members are asked to bring prospective members, one great way to increase membership! In the weeks ahead GCSC members will look forward to a concert in the Memorial Garden performed by musicians from the University of South Carolina music department; bird walks and talks all over the state; and a spectacular home and garden tour, October 6 & 7, planned in Aiken County (known as the playground of the rich and famous back in the day). The tour includes the home of the weekend retreat once enjoyed by the Duke and Duchess of Windsor!! If you are interested give me a call!

Donna Donnelly



Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Marty Bowers, President Theme: "Planting Today For Future Generations"

Spring is always a busy time and it seems to pass so quickly. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the rebirth of gardens and the beautiful and delicate spring blooms. Now it's time for those bold and vivid summer plants — ones that can stand up to the heat.

My theme for this administration is "Planting Today for Future Generations" -- Learning, Living and Building. We benefit from the incredible history of garden club accomplishments in the areas of gardening, floral design, and environmental concerns. The things we do now will affect the future. We need to build our gardens, our community relations and our club memberships. We need to make sure our work is seen!

The successful Plant Together Community Garden Project will continue to encourage projects throughout the year. Garden clubs will also be encouraged to establish and maintain Monarch Butterfly Way Stations. We hope to see Blue Star Memorials dedicated and renew and perhaps replace landscaping around existing Blue Star Memorials. We hope to see more

young student projects and student garden clubs.

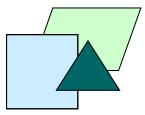
Virginia's grant program, "Grants to Beautify and Restore" provides funds which can be applied for to receive help in restoring or establishing an area in a park, public garden or historic site. We hope this will encourage many garden clubs to take advantage of these funds as they have in the past.

In looking to the future, Virginia also has a grant program, "Keys to the Future" for project funding to work with school students. It is exciting to see the projects garden clubs are doing – planting vegetables, planting flower gardens, establishing butterfly gardens and many others working with elementary school students. NGC President Nancy Hargroves new book, "The Saved Seed" will be used in many school settings even down to preschool.

During this administration, Virginia will offer four Flower Show Schools, four Landscape Design Schools and two Sym-

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posiums – we all need to continue to grow. Flower Show School, Course I will be offered August 28-31, 2017 at the Kirkley Hotel in Lynchburg. Landscape Design School, Course II will be held at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens in Richmond, September 26-27, 2017. Symposium will be held in Richmond, October 31-November 2.

In May, Virginia had the exciting experience of hosting the National Garden Club Convention in Richmond and the hon-

or of seeing Nancy Hargroves installed as the President. We hope many of you were able to participate in this convention. Virginia will be hosting the 2019 SAR Convention in Williamsburg, March 29-31, 2019. Make your plans now as there is always a lot to see in Williamsburg.

See you in Covington, KY in March 2018

Marty Bowers.

West Virginia Garden Club , Inc. Carolyn Mc Cafferty, President Theme: "Opening the Doors to the Future"



What a wonderful opportunity I have been given! To serve the West Virginia Garden Club as it's President. As I enter this office, I have set goals for our organization, that we will work together to achieve. My theme, "Opening the Doors to the Future," will focus on the present and what is ahead of us. We always need to remember our past, where we have been, what we have accomplished, but we do not need to "live there."

The future is not something we enter, the future is something we create."

To bring my theme to life, I have set up four **K.E.Y.S.**, that I have asked the West Virginia Garden Club members to implement, to OPEN those doors for us.

Keep Planting America. NGC President Nancy Hargroves has set her theme as Plant America. In support of sharing in that unified spirit, we will Plant West Virginia, focusing on container gardens. It is such an easy way, to show our love of gardening throughout our towns. Whether it is containers at a church, school, public building, or hanging baskets down the streets of cities and towns, it can be as if we just stood up and said, "Hey, here we are! The garden club! We are alive and well!"

Educational Opportunities. As garden club members, we have so many opportunities to learn!! Landscape Design, Flower Show, Gardening, and Environmental Schools are right there, for us to attend!! And as West Virginia gar-

den club members, we do not utilize these opportunities enough!! I have challenged each of my garden clubs, to send at least one member to one school, during each calendar year of my term.

Youth Involvement. There are four people in my life that are my pride and joy: Hannah, Mya, Brynna, and Ella. They are my grandchildren. They are our youth. They are our future. Franklin Roosevelt once said, We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." Working with youth is a must. We want our garden clubs to grow--do we care the age? No, we do not. We need to get out there and work with 4-H groups, scout troops, and church groups. Anywhere we find youth, we need to be there, not only teaching them, but letting them teach us!

Saving our Environment. We live on this planet, as if we have another one to go to." Have you ever thought about that? It is so true! We need to do so much better at how we treat our world. National Garden Club says, "Renew, Reuse, Reduce, and Reclaim." They are taking steps forward by continuing and broadening their recycling efforts. And we in West Virginia Garden Clubs are following their initiative. Recycling takes little effort on our part, but makes a difference in our world. Together, West Virginia Garden Club Members will work, with excitement and anticipation, to accomplish the goals set before us. The future is in our hands--now go and create it."

Carolyn McCafferty

Chairman Reports

AIR/WATER QUALITY

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WHAT IS IN YOUR WATER?

I am sure you have seen the TV ad "what is in your wallet". They are hoping that something good will be there. When we turn on the faucet to get water for coffee or to take a shower, we are assuming that there is only something good in our water supply. We need to know!

I live in Wilmington, North Carolina. The daily newspaper headlines tell us that we, perhaps, have something not so good flowing through our water pipes, It is called GenX and a company has been dumping it in the Cape Fear River for over 30 years. It has not been tested to see if it has or has not been harmful and the dumping has gone un-noticed. Now that it has been discovered, a whole city is very concerned because it has not been filtered out of the water we drink.

Up the road from us is Camp Lejeune, a Marine Base. Many years ago the water supply in Base housing was contaminated. The residents did not know about it until too late. To date, there is all sorts of litigation over the harm that was caused.

Now, my question is: Do you know where your water supply comes from and what goes into it along the way? Do your homework and find out from your city, county or town how pure your water supply is. If there are problems, are they being addressed? If you have well water, have it tested. AND you should not be part of the problem, Be very careful what you add!

Find out "What's in Your Water!

ARBOR DAY

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Did any of your garden clubs do anything special to celebrate Arbor Day this past spring? We need to promote Arbor Day by planting trees or other plantings or by cleaning up an area or any other way to promote Arbor Day. Many of our students (and maybe some parents) don't know about the history of

this day and how our projects can help our environment.

After planning and/or carrying out your celebration, try to get publicity for your club and state while celebrating in your own way. Try to involve other groups with you. This could become a community project.

Let this chairman know what you did. She would like to hear from clubs and states so she can highlight some of the activities. She heard only from several clubs/Councils in Virginia. We know there were lots more! They were not reported to this chairman for recognition!



AWARDS

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Awards season will soon be upon us! With that in mind, please encourage your Districts and Club Presidents to document their projects from beginning to end and to take as many pictures of the participants while they are engaged in their projects as possible. In the past, we have found that meticulous documentation of each step in a project supplemented with engaging pictures of club members and community participants together at work is the surest recipe for winning an award. But please don't lose sight of the fact that it is the projects themselves and what they bring to our respective communities -- not the awards per se -- that will become our legacy. The awards we receive are the recognition for all our efforts and for a job well done. Judy Barnes, SAR Director, is now at the helm and we should do all in our power to make her Directorship a resounding success. By doing so, we will, at the same time, make all SAR members proud of this year's efforts. And remember, the more projects you enter, the more awards we will win and by extension the more money we will receive to fund our future efforts. On a personal note, it is always rewarding to see our own SAR members win awards at the NGC level. March on! Engage!! We can do this!!!

RULES FOR AWARDS

- 1. AWARDS YEAR: January 1 December 31
- 2. DEADLINE: January 25 is the deadline for all SAR Award entries to reach the REGIONAL Awards Chairman. All entries are judged by respective states at the STATE level. The State Awards Chairman should MAIL all in one package the state winner of each award to the Regional Awards Chairman for Regional competition, if applicable. A list of state winners being submitted to Regional Awards Chairman must be included in the package. Applications MUST INCLUDE REGIONAL Award Name.

If you need any help or have, questions please call or email me and I will be happy to assist you.

Chairman Reports (continued)



BIRDS

Betty Gorrie 182 Corn Tassel Trail Stoneville NC 27048 336-623-0633 bettys_garden@hotmail.com Albinism

Not every white bird is an albino. A bird is a true albino if its feet, legs, bill and eyes are pale pink or red. If you look closely at this Hummer, he has none of those traits although he is totally white. He is lacking the color pigment Melanin. However, other color pigments are reduced as well. Leucistic birds normally appear lighter than normal but are not usually totally white. Typically, leucism affects only dark feathers, so some birds will have white feathers while some still maintain the bright colors. This Hummer seems to be the exception to the rule. The white feathers put these birds at a great disadvantage because they stand out against vegetation making them easy prey for predators to spot. If you would like to read more about these conditions, please go to www.birdsandblooms.com Information for this was found on their website.

For any of you who participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count, the figures as of March 3, 2017 are: Estimated participants – 214,018; species – 5,940; completed checklists 173,826

If you would like to read more of the reports please go to www.wildbirdsunlimited.com



CALENDARS
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Plan now to get your copy of the 2018 Vision of Beauty Calendar. They are available through NGC Member Services.

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BOOK REVIEW

Susan Hooper 8501Greencastle Dr. Charlotte NC 28210 704-552-5673 susanhhooper@att.net Unearthed

by Alexandra Risen

Many people think we go into our gardens to lose ourselves. Ms. Risen offers a story that many of us will recognize as more accurate in how we feel about the time spent in our gardens. Many of us use that time to find ourselves much as she did in this memoir.

The story starts with a family in transition as the adult daughters begin to deal with the realities of caring for aging parents and the difficult decisions they face. At the same time Alex, one of the daughters, and her husband and their son discover a property in Toronto that was once part of a large estate, which was subdivided and is being sold. Alex's past experiences finding solace in nature nudge her toward accepting the daunting task of making a home for her family in a house buried deep in a landscape that is overgrown, neglected and full of potential. Over a ten year period she is able to muster the financial resources and an unique group of people to uncover the botanical secrets, expose her son (who lives in a digital age) to the world of nature and reconcile the family questions that dogged her all her life.

Each chapter title is the name of a specific plant. Memory of the specific plant inspires a trip back to childhood and opens the door to secrets her family kept close. Some questions were answered by these memories and others by the discovery of items such as a small pouch of Ukrainian soil and a ship's passenger list that her mother had kept hidden for years.

In addition to learning about plants you may or may not grow, you will find recipes for food and crafts. So...open this book and prepare to take a journey that leads you to remember your own past, to celebrate your family not as a child but as an adult, to create a garden, to find wisdom in nature and to shed a tear or break out in a smile. Enjoy!

DIRECTORY SAR

Mary Sue Floyd

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This chairman will hopefully have the SAR Directory ready next month. Prior to finalizing it, you will receive part of it to make any corrections in your listing. We want as few mistakes as possible.

Chairman Reports (continued)

GARDEN STUDY SCHOOL/CONSULTANTS COUNCIL

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Gardening Schools Course I in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Date: Tuesday and Wednesday, September 26 and 27, 2017.

Place: Warren Association of Baptists Building

6448Scottsville Road

Cost: \$65.00

Instructors include Dr. Martin Stone, Director of The Baker

Arboretum

Information and/or Registration: Martha F. Morgan: 270-781-5695 Jo Jean Scott: 270-781-2089

MEDIA/VIDEOS/DVD PROGRAMS

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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.

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THE CORRIE WHITLOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FROM SAR

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A rising Junior or Senior in College and/or a graduate student are eligible to receive the Corrie Whitlock Memorial Scholarship or the SAR Scholarship. Each state within the South Atlantic Region may submit one application to be in competition for a Scholarship. A qualifying student is one majoring in the study of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Pathology, Biology, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Concerns, City Planning, Land Management and/or allied subjects.

Two Scholarships are given each year. The Scholarship amount is determined by the SAR Board of Directors, and the winners announced each year at the SAR Conventions. Applications will be judged on the following scale:

Academic Record 40 % Applicant's Letter 30 %

Listing of Honors/ Extracurricular

Activities/ Work Experience 10 % Financial Need 15 % Recommendations 5 %



SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION DIRECTORS PROJECT 2017-2019

Sandra Dutton

4429 Smithfield Rd. Knightdale NC 27545 919-26691329 r_dutton@bellsouth.net Plant, Protect, and Preserve our South Atlantic Region; Its national parks, state parks, public lands and community

spaces.

There are many ways we, as SAR members, can contribute to the beauty of our lands. From picking up litter to educating the public on the plants that thrive in our 5 state regions, to working in public areas to repair and replace damaged plants. It is our responsibility to take the lead and Plant, Protect, and Preserve our South Atlantic Region.

To encourage our clubs an award has been established by the South Atlantic Region Director, Judy Barnes and is in effect for the two years of her term. A \$100.00 Award will be presented in 2018 and one in 2019 to the clubs who have shown the most effort in Protecting and Preserving our public lands.

Club must be a member in good standing of its state organization.

Application should be sent to the State SAR Director's Project Chairman. That Chairman will select one entry to forward to the SAR Director's Project Chairman.

The application should contain a description of the project, the club members involved and any outside organization assistance (monetary or physical).

The Application should be no more than 3 pages, one side only. It may include pictures (preferably before and after), and any published information such as newspaper or other media coverage.

Applications may be submitted electronically.

Deadline for submission to the State Chairman is December 1.

Deadline for State Chairman to submit application to the SAR Chairman is January 10.

Awards will be presented at the SAR Regional Meetings in 2018 and 2019.

The crucial portion of the application should explain why the club took on the project.

What was the purpose? What did they hope to gain and did the project accomplish its purpose? And did those participating in the project finish it with a sense of being a part of protecting and preserving our lands.

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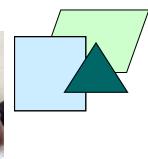
YOUTH PROJECTS - GIRL SCOUTS

Carolyn King

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Summer is here in full force, with very hot weather for most of us. Most of our youth are out of school and enjoying their summer vacations. Now is the time for all garden clubs to think about projects for the Fall working with our youth. All NGC Native Plant Badges – Girl Scouts of SC – Mountains to Midlands can be purchased from me once the requirements have been met and the paper work is filled out. These patches are no longer ordered through National Garden Clubs. Please let me hear from you on what your club plans to do for our young people. I will be happy to help you in any way I can with ideas and information.





YOUTH – SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS

Barbara Ohmsen

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Any club can sponsor a contest. Get in touch with your state chairman – contact schools, church groups, Scout troops, home -schooled children, etc.. Begin to make the plans for next year now. The rules are the same.

Again this year, our Region collected the largest number of posters and this chairman received the award at the NGC Convention. Virginia was the state with the most posters. And Fourth Grader Selma Sami sponsored by Thoroughgood GC in Tidewater District of VFGC won First Place for her grade.

State Chairmen will receive information later to distribute to your clubs.

SAR Convention 2018

SAR IN "RIVER CITY" March 18 & 19, 2018

Great programs & lectures are being planned for you! Come a day early or stay after and plan a trip to the Ark Encounter, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, or the Newport Aquarium just to name a few wonderful attractions.

We are meeting at the lovely Embassy Suites on the river and we will have:

2- room suites; Complimentary cooked to order breakfast; Free evening cocktails & snacks; Free In-suite wifi; Free parking All for \$149 a night

Embassy Suites Cincinnati River Center 10 East Rivercenter Boulevard Covington, KY 41011 859-261-8400





National Garden Clubs, Inc.



Nancy Hargroves 201702019 NGC President

Theme: "Plant America"





NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS CONVENTION

May 17-20, 2017 Richmond Virginia Marriott Hotel

VFGC members welcomed us to the 88th Annual National Garden Clubs Convention at the Downtown Marriott in Richmond May 17-20. We were happy to see many of you there. For those unable to attend, you missed some wonderful programs and speakers. And we missed being able to visit with you. And all new NGC Life Members were recognized during Wednesday Night's Banquet. Congratulations to Virginia for receiving the award for the most new Life Members.

The final banquet was the installation of the 2017-2019 NGC Officers. The new NGC President is one of our own, Nancy Hargroves from Virginia. And Mary Owen from Virginia was elected Recording Secretary. We are well-represented.

All five of our states received Certificates recognizing their various projects and activities.

Make plans now to attend the 2018 NGC Convention May 21-24 at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel.



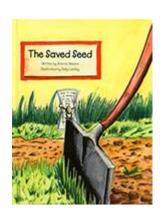
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YOUTH PROJECTS

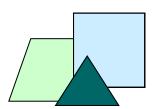
National Garden Clubs is continuing "The Frightened Frog" program with the book. This year there is another book to use with children, "The Saved Seed", tracing the life of a pumpkin seed. This book is also \$10 and can be ordered from NGC Member Services.

As has been done for many years, we will continue to sponsor the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Don't forget the Poetry Contest for K-9. This year's topic is "Let It Grow". The HS Essay contest for grades 9-12 has the topic "Community Gardens—A Solution to Blight, Crime, and Hunger". All rules may be found on the NGC website.

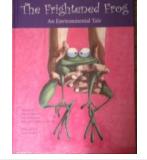
And finally there is the Youth Sculpture Contest open to grades 4-8. The sculpture is to be made of recycled, reused, or reduced items.



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!

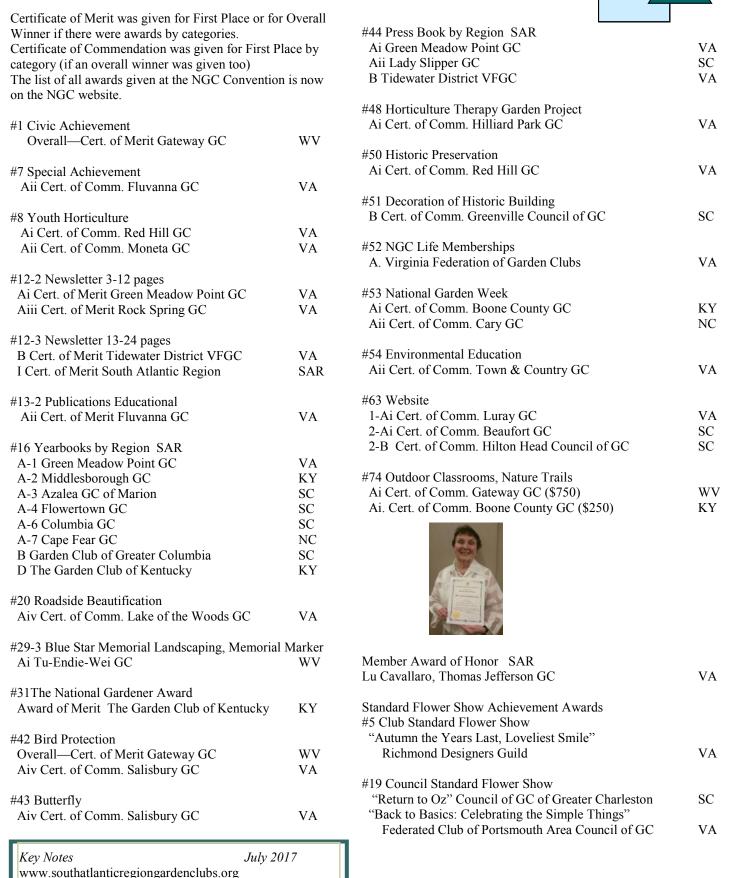






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"Let Freedom Ring" Westchester GC	VA
#22 Holiday Standard Flower Show "Celebrating Days of Love & Courage	
Simpsonville GC	SC
"Holiday Time" Luray GC	VA
#57 A & D Standard Flourer Show in a Dublic	Duilding



#22 Holiday Standard Flower Show			
"Celebrating Days of Love & Courage			
Simpsonville GC	SC		
"Holiday Time" Luray GC	VA		
#57 A & B Standard Flower Show in a Public Build	ing		
"Growing Imagination and Knowledge"			
Garden Club of Danville	KY	Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest	
"Celebrating the Festivals of South Carolina"		4th Grade Winner Salma Sami	
Council of GC of Sumter	SC	Thoroughgood GC	VA
"Springtime in Paris" Hilliard Park GC	VA		
"Where the Sidewalk Ends" Midlothian GC	VA	NGC President's Projects: Service in Action The Frightened Frog	
NGC Youth Sculpture Contest 4th Grade		1st –A (\$200) Moundsville GC	WV
HM Andrew Sisk, Gateway GC	WV	The Frightened Frog, Youth Award	
5th Grade		1st (\$100) North Central Home School Group	
2nd Place Griffen Moxley The GC of Charleston	SC	Sponsored by Fred Brooks GC (\$25)	WV
6th Grade		5th (\$25) Mrs. McCulley's 2nd Grade Class McNinch Prim.	Sc.
3rd Place Andy Skoglund, Greater Charleston GC 7th Grade	SC	Sponsored by Moundsville GC (\$25)	WV
3rd Place Zoe Mintz, The GC of Charleston	SC	NGC Scholarship Recipients	
8th Grade		Genevieve Alexander	NC
HM Copeland Johnson, The GC of Charleston	SC	Elizabeth Gray	VA
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Odds 'N' Ends

SAR Standing Rules: At our SAR Convention and SAR Breakfast at NGC Convention we approved and discussed changes needed to our Standing Rules following receiving our own 501 c 3 designation. These will be placed in the SAR Directory for 2017-2019. Please read them carefully, especially where conventions are concerned.

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

Landscape Design School:

Landscape Design School, Course II, September 26-27, Lewis Ginter, Richmond

Symposium:

Oct. 22-24 Manteo NC

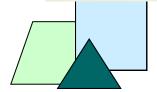
Nov. 1-2 Henrico VA

Flower Show Schools:

Flower Show School Course 1, Aug. 21-23, Winston Salem NC

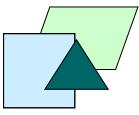
Flower Show School, Course I, August 28-31, Kirkley Hotel, Lynchburg, VA

The new Flower Show Handbook now available, and took effect as of July 1, 2017. Check the websites for each of our states as many states are scheduling Flower Show Schools using the new book.



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