

KEY NOTES



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THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Beauty of Nature: Protect, Preserve, Enjoy "

It is hard to believe but two years have gone by and my term is up and SAR has a new director taking charge. It has been a pleasure for me to get to know so many good people. And, you actually put up with me. I appreciate all the kind comments that came my way at the SAR meeting. It meant a lot and really made me feel special, when it is actually YOU that are special.

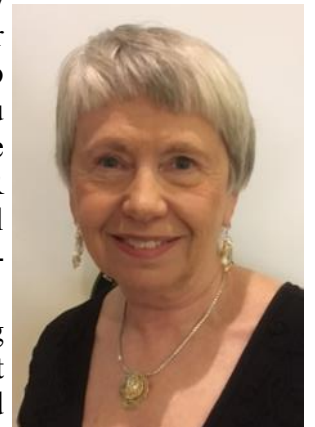
For these two years I have heard of the amazing things our clubs are doing. It is wonderful that so many people care enough for our land and environment to donate their time to make it better. I have talked about getting out and appreciating the beauty of nature. It, scientifically, helps our physical and mental health. You do not have to go on miles long hikes but just being outside can be amazing. And many of you are doing just that.

There are numerous books coming out that deal with nature and our well being as well as with plants individually. At the SAR meeting I mentioned one in particular—The Hidden Life of Trees, What They Feel and How They Communicate. Author – Peter Wohlleben. Another is The Nature Fix, Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative by Florence Williams. As you can tell I like to read!

If you cannot be traipsing around the woods you can experience nature by sitting on a porch. It is **being** a part of nature that is important. **Be** involved with your world.

THANK YOU ALL AND “GET THEE OUTSIDE” !!!

Judy Barnes



State Presidents' Themes and Reports



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

Unavailable
Paula Hyatt



The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
Gail Hill, President

Theme: "Growing Forward Together to Plant America"



“Welcome Sweet Springtime”, as the song goes and it is sweet music to my ears this year as we seem to have had such a harsh winter. The last few weeks have been rather nice, bringing forth blooms to the jonquils, hellebores, cherry trees, Bradford pears and brightening the greenery in the trees and grasses, but the forecast calls for us here to have 21 degree weather tomorrow morning (at the time this is being submitted) which I’m sure will darken the blooms on the pear trees and bring the unbearable smell that’s associated with it. But the groundhog did forecast an early spring, so possibly after this bit of cold the heavens will open up and bless us with kinder weather and possibly take some of this rain away.

This is a busy time of year for all of us as everyone prepares for the new administrations and bright new ideas and programs with anticipation. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the state of North Carolina over the past several years and have enjoyed seeing some of the things accomplished that I wanted to see done. We did get some great Flower Show Schools started, along with Landscape Design and Gardening Schools with the great help of our great Judges Councils and Schools, along with yearly Symposiums. We had numerous Flower Shows, at least one at each of our annual meetings. Our Youth Garden Club Program continues to grow with 45 clubs and 1,520 youth members. Our senior club membership still is taking some hits, as are other organizations. Our scholarship programs are still going strong. We only had two applicants this year so we need to do some



work on getting the word out, as we have the monies to give. We have five flower show designers, who will be doing designs for the North Carolina Museum of Arts, Art in Bloom, in Raleigh in March, 2019. We still work in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation on their “wildflower” program. Each year a group of our judges go to the NCDOT to judge the photos of the different districts projects work over the past year. On April 4, 2019, the GCNC will attend the meeting of NCDOT Board and award prizes to the winners of the districts. This is always a joyful event for the workers, the judges and the department. As the new dawn arises, the new administration will take over and I wish them the same fond memories that I’ve had in my time spent as President of this great State Garden Club.

As my dear granddaughter used to say: *“Dream without fear... Love without limits...”*
Gail Hill

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The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.

Donna Donnelly, President

Theme: "Birds of a Feather Garden Together"



The Garden Club of South Carolina has had a busy two years! The President's theme "Birds of a Feather Garden Together" sparked the membership with renewed excitement over the birds they fed, heard and admired every day in their own backyards. This led to many bird-themed programs and events and they were a 'hoot'! The passion and enthusiasm of the membership resulted in donations of almost \$30,000 to the President's Projects. Included in the fundraising activities were Birdhouse sales, a Garden Tour, two Memorial Garden Concerts, Guided Bird Walks, two fabulous trips to Belize-Central America, and an amazing Bus Tour to Washington DC, the White House, the US Botanic Garden, Mount Vernon and Monticello. GCSC has kept our members engaged! This phenomenal fundraising supported the creation of a Birding Garden at the State-South Carolina Botanical Garden. It supported Interactive birding features and a Migratory Bird Tracking Antenna at Riverbanks Botanical and Children's Garden, a pollinator garden project at the Governor's Mansion Complex with Audubon SC and programs with the SC Bluebird Society. This term GCSC partnered with South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the Memorial Garden Capitol Project to remedy severe flooding issues in this spectacular Loutrel Briggs designed garden, created in 1945 to honor WWII veterans. Noted for being the first WWII Memorial Garden sponsored by a State Garden Club in the United States. The \$19,000 GCSC contributed resulted in storm water diverting pipes, cleared underground drainage systems, new sod and new pointed brickwork on the terrace. The Memorial Garden

now looks as fabulous as it did 74 years ago and GCSC members will celebrate the completion of this project with a garden party on April 4th.

GCSC celebrated our first Gold Star Families Marker dedication in 2017. We have 133 Blue Star Markers across the state. GCSC created the first in a series of Christmas Ornaments to support our State Christmas Tree Project. Six GCSC clubs received NGC Plant America grants ranging from \$200 to \$900. GCSC has awarded over \$40,000 in state scholarships this term. In 2018, GCSC had twenty garden clubs achieve milestone Anniversaries of 50-85 years of Federated status. Much gratitude, thanks and pride is extended to the GCSC membership for their continued support and participation in garden club work and events!

Donna Donnelly

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Marty Bowers, President

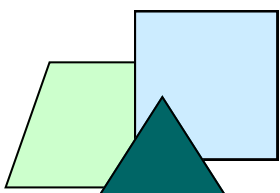
Theme: "Planting Today For Future Generations"



Spring brings the flurry of District Meetings and it is such a privilege to be able to attend these meetings and hear the projects the districts and local clubs have been undertaking. I have made many new friends – it has been a wonderful experience. Garden Club members do make a difference in their local communities.

The Virginia Awards Committee evaluated the award applications and some of these went forward to the South Atlantic Region and were judged there. We wait with anticipation for award announcements at the NGC Convention in May. Con-

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gratulations to three Virginia Garden Clubs who received Plant America Community Project Grants.

Blue Star Memorial dedications are being planned to be held in the spring in Shenandoah District, Tidewater District and Blue Ridge District. Piedmont District is working on a refurbishing of a Memorial

Virginia has held two flower show schools, two landscape design schools and a symposium each calendar year with Landscape Design School Course I coming up in April and Symposium in November. All SAR garden club members are invited to attend any Virginia school. And finally, the gardening school is under way with plans to hold the first course in the fall of 2019

Education continues to be important for VFGC and scholarships are offered each year. It is encouraging to hear that many garden clubs are now working with children – they are our future and instilling a love of growing plants and vegetables will be with them for the rest of their lives.

While Virginia has gained a new garden club in the Piedmont

District, we continue to lose clubs due to the members aging out. Since many of our members are retirees, I'm suggesting that maybe we should try changing our image to attract some of those retired husbands,

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs now has a Facebook page and we are urging clubs to share club happenings. Work is underway to build a new website and we hope it will be ready soon.

It's hard to believe two years have passed since I was installed as the Virginia State President. I have thoroughly enjoyed the District Meetings, hearing what the clubs have been doing, enjoying meeting the many, many wonderful and talented people. It has also let me meet many others in the SAR and NGC. Thank you for your help in making this a great experience.

Enjoy spring and I hope you enjoyed your visit to Williamsburg. Williamsburg is absolutely beautiful in the spring!

Marty Bower

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

Spring is nature's way of saying...Let's Party!"

And we in West Virginia have been doing just that! We began in early February, when we received notice that six clubs in West Virginia had received Plant America Grants! WOW! Hats off to: Beverly Hills Garden Club, Emma Scott Garden Club, Fred Brooks Garden Club, Monongahela Garden Club, Mount Vernon Garden Club and Stargazer Garden Club!

Our joys continued as we voted to secure a new website manager to get our website *freshened up* and made easier for members and visitors to the site, to access information that they are looking for. (Plans are to have it up and running by fall.)

We gained two new clubs during my administration. That is *ALWAYS* cause to celebrate! New Cumberland Garden Club in Old Trails District and High Lawn Garden Club in Ohio-Guyan District.

We were pleasantly surprised and very proud, at the SAR Convention, when our own, Legacy Barger was awarded the Corrie Whitlock Scholarship! She is a student at Marietta College and studies Environmental Science and Geology. We celebrated with our incoming WVGCI President, Vickie Stedman, who was installed, by our NGC President Nancy Hargroves, at our state convention in Martinsburg. Thank you to Nancy, for making it an enjoyable evening for everyone. Congratulations to Vickie and her new officers.

It is hard to believe that two years have pasted already. It has



been an honor to represent West Virginia Garden Club as it's president. I have enjoyed every minute of it.

Thank you, West Virginia...for your love and support.

Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush!"

Carolyn McCafferty

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Chairman Reports



ARBOR DAY

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Are any of your garden clubs doing anything special to celebrate Arbor Day this 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.

This visibility could be a chance to open a door to a new member, too.

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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Thank you to all who submitted award applications. Everyone was a winner, even if you did not receive one of the awards. Competition is good for us.

Plan now for your applications for next year. Most of the awards will not change. The list of all awards will be published in the 2019-2021 SAR directory as well as being placed on the SAR website.

The list of awards given at this year's convention can be found on page 13



BOOK REVIEW

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Color Me Floral by Kiana Underwood

Chronicle Books, published 2018; ISBN 9781452161174

Sometimes the most stunning arrangements contain only one or two colors. In this book, Kiana explains how to collect specific plant material, that is appropriate to a specific season, and how to arrange it so the floral display is over brimming with a variety of textures as well as shades of a specific color. In deciding what flowers to include in this book, so that it would have broad appeal for many areas of the country, she researched what would be most readily available either from a home garden or in a floral supply house. The result is a book of stunning photographs with pictures of the individual flowers and specific instructions for arranging. One unique feature is that she offers the designer a stopping point at step 5, shows how the arrangement will look, then continues through step 8, resulting in a spectacular arrangement.

Kiana noted that flower arranging became an "obsession" when she took the big step from a career in research to a career in floral design. She discovered that combining colors in an unexpected way and observing how a color can change with the seasons provided the opportunity to create something truly unique. So with a focus on exploring the variety of shades and tints within one color, she came up with the following list of 10 colors and specific plants. With the exception of blue and brown, I think she included most colors; perhaps the most surprising is black. Here is her list with an example of one flower for each season beginning with spring, into summer, including fall and ending with winter.

Pink: Peony 'Coral Charm', begonia, dahlia 'Raspberry Crush', Hellebore

Black: Red Plum foliage, Chocolate dahlia, grapes on vine, Heuchera leaf

Green: Viburnum, orchid, anthurium, Linder berry

Magenta: Viola, spray rose, mini carnation, lorapetalum foliage

Orange: Shrimp plant, Bougainvillea, gaillardia, Kumquat branch

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Peach: Daffodil 'Apricot Whirl', carnation, cosmos, poinsettia

Purple: Wisteria, coleus leaf, basil, Ranunculus

Yellow: Ranunculus, yellow loosestrife, poppy, Freesia

Red: Geum, sweet pea, hypericum berry, Camellia

White: Easter lily, magnolia, Japanese anemone, Paperwhite narcissus

Kiana shared her thoughts on flowers: one of her favorite flowers is ranunculus. The qualities that make it a favorite include variety of sizes, colors and textures, its ability to add movement to design and its increasing beauty with maturity. Her thoughts on color: in most any flower you will find a variety of shades of a single color and even an unusual combination such as orange and magenta. Her thoughts on variety, shape and movement: although it takes effort for an arrangement to look effortless, it is the effort that makes it even more beautiful. Her thoughts on a cutting garden: when space is limited, expand your supply to include materials from neighbors and unused land. Her thoughts on quantities: start with a color palette in mind and then shop for flowers that are available in abundance. In conclusion, she leaves us with this thought, "great floral artistry comes from a place of creativity."



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The 2020 Vision of Beauty Calendars will be available from NGC Member Services at the 2019 NGC Convention. For groups within the state, consider purchasing these in bulk and selling them through your group.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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Grassroots Green

I am pleased to have been asked by our new Director, Carolyn McCafferty, to serve a fifth two-year term as your Environmental Education Chairman. I hope to continue raising our awareness of environmental issues through my *Grassroots Green* blog. I have always tried to highlight issues of concern, then make suggestions as to how each of us, or our clubs, could do something to help. I will continue with the same format for coming issues of *Key Notes* and would appreciate your input about local concerns that affect us in the South Atlantic Region.

At our convention in Williamsburg I mentioned an issue that those of us along the Atlantic Coast have been dealing with since January, when the President reversed the bans on seismic blasting and offshore drilling to locate undersea deposits of oil and gas. These seismic blasts are emitted 10-15 seconds apart for hours and can be heard up to 2,500 miles away underwater. If seismic testing is allowed, it will do irreparable damage to marine life. Drilling accidents can result in serious financial damage to the tourism industry that so many coastal towns and cities depend on...not to mention permanent damage to the ecology of our coastlines. Each of us can help by letting our state representatives and senators know that we oppose the lifting of this ban on seismic blasting and drilling. Hopefully we can help each other by presenting a unified front.

In the last five years environmentalists have made great strides in encouraging the public to recycle. Recycling is an issue that SAR's new chairman, Peggy Heeter has already jumped into with enthusiasm and I eagerly applaud her efforts ... but I also want educate you to the fact that even our best efforts to recycle are now being *reversed* in many communities, including my own, because China has recently ceased to accept all the recycled materials that the U.S. had been shipping out of our country. China has decided to clean up her own act, and is no longer accepting our 'garbage'. The U.S. currently has not found a new source that will accept our recycled materials, and that has resulted in the closing of many recycling centers because they no longer have the storage space to house any more baled recycled materials. It is no longer 'profitable' for them to recycle unless they can get someone to accept these materials.

Millions of pounds of recycled materials are now going right back into landfills because there is no other place for them to go! Again, as garden club members, we need to let our voices be heard in our communities and encourage our city managers not to depend on outsourcing these materials, but instead, find a way to attract new businesses that can create ways to reuse plastic, aluminum, glass and paper, or even encourage existing businesses to *mitigate* the use of these items. My own community has pending bans on single use plastic bags, foam containers and plastic straws for a start.

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There are so many issues of concern relating to our environment that it is difficult to concentrate on just one for each article, so I will look forward to sharing other ideas with you in future articles. More importantly, I look forward to receiving your input on issues that are of concern in your area. Sharing ideas and solutions is essential to solving our problems!

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April is filled with opportunities to do something to help the environment. Don't forget to celebrate Earth Day [April 22] National Arbor Day [April 26] and National Drug Take Back Day April 27. "**Be** the change you want to see in the world!"

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For all SAR Gardeners!

It has been an education to serve as Gardening Schools/Consultants' Council Chairman for the South Atlantic Region. I hoped by now that all of our five states would have Gardening Consultants' Councils or would have sponsored a Gardening School with its four Courses which is the beginning of the road to a Consultants' Council. Kentucky and North Carolina have achieved that goal and I believe that West Virginia, Virginia and South Carolina will soon follow. The Courses are well worth the effort invested in organizing, inviting qualified and charismatic Instructors and informing gardeners across each state of the opportunity being offered through each Course. Beyond being Garden Club members, we are gardeners. We want to learn more about soil, water, plants and the environment so that we may be ever better gardeners. These subjects are taught in Gardening Schools sponsored by National Garden Clubs and your State Garden Club. And, yes, there is more! Friendships are formed, personal experiences are shared and meaningful contacts are made which can be of value throughout a lifetime.

I must express gratitude to Brynn Tavasci, NGC Gardening School Chairman for the South Atlantic Region. No matter how mundane or simple my questions might be, Brynn has always been kind, patient and present to come forward with the right answers. Thank you, Brynn. You inspired me, helped me, encouraged me always, in completing the goal of a Gardening School for Bowling Green, Kentucky's Cardinal Council and the Garden Club of Kentucky.

Course 4 will be offered in Bowling Green September 24 and 25, 2019. In North Carolina, Linda McLendon and her husband have Course 3 coming up June 10 and 11 and Course 4,

on August 12 and 13. For more information, you may contact me at

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May you achieve success in all your gardening endeavors.

INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL DISASTERS

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International/ National Disasters 2018-2019

In January 2018, heavy rain fell on a burn scar in Monticello, California causing horrible mud slides and debris flows that swept away cars and buried homes in Santa Barbara County. More than a dozen people were killed and over one hundred homes were damaged or destroyed.

Papuan New Guinea Earthquake: In February 2018, a 7.5 magnitude earthquake with a 6.5 aftershock hit Papuan New Guinea causing \$61 million in damage. There was at least 160 casualties and more from the aftershock.

Cyclone Josie: In March 2018, Cyclone Josie traveled across Fiji causing widespread flooding and 4 deaths.

India dust storms: In May 2018, high winds and lightning generated by storms destroyed houses and livestock in Northern India causing widespread outages and more than 125 deaths.

Mount Kilauea eruption: In May 2018, a volcanic crater collapsed causing a 4.4 magnitude earthquake in Hawaii. This caused 1700 evacuations, 82 structures destroyed and 279 homes destroyed.

Mount Fuego eruption: On June 3rd 2018, an unexpected eruption of Mount Fuego affected over 2 million people. The eruption destroyed streets, buildings and cars killing 33 people.

Mendocino Complex Fire: In July 2018, the fire raged through California burning over 459,000 acres and destroying over 19,000 homes before firefighters got it under control.

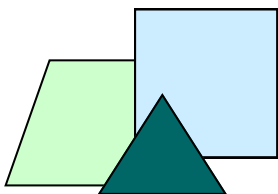
Japan flooding and mudslides: In July 2018, southwestern Japan received three times the amount of the normal rainfall for July in a few days causing massive flooding and mudslides. There were well over 100 deaths.

Tropical Storm Lane: In August 2018, the big island of Hawaii endured over 51 inches of rain from Tropical Storm Lane. Miraculously there was no loss of life.

Hurricane Florence: On September 13 2018, hurricane Florence made landfall in North and South Carolina causing billions of dollars damage and killing over fifty people.

Super Typhoon Mangkhut: In September 2018, the ty-

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phoon caused massive flooding and power outages in the islands of Guam and Marshall. Over 69 people lost their lives.

Hurricane Michael: In October 2018, Hurricane Michael hit the Florida panhandle damaging thousands of houses and killing hundreds of people. Winds were clocked at 155 mph and was rated as a strong category 4 storm.

Camp Fire: In November 2018, the Camp Fire erupted in Northern California. The fire destroyed everything in its path and burned over 153,000 acres in Butte County and all but destroyed the town of Paradise.

Indonesian Tsunami: In December 2018, an Under sea landslide triggered a tsunami between the islands of Sumatra and Java killing 430 people, injuring 1500 and displacing 22,000.

Tornado in Alabama: In March 2019, an EF4 tornado swept through Beauregard, Alabama. Wiping out many homes, killing at least 23 people and injuring 90.

Cyclone in South Africa: In March 2019, cyclone Idai hit Mozambique killing at least 1000 people and putting 100,000 at risk.

Bomb Cyclone in Nebraska: In March 2019, a bomb cyclone hit Nebraska with hurricane like winds and blizzard like snow. The melting snow has caused flooding which has affected millions from Nebraska to the Gulf of Mexico. This storm has killed at least four people.

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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NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

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National Garden Week is June 2-8, 2019!

Still time to plan activities so do something and be sure to take photos and enter for an award this year.



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NEW AND IMPROVED CULTIVARS

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Well here we are soon to be in the Thoreaus of spring. "Gardening is civil and social, but it wants the vigor and freedom of the forest and the outlaw."



What better vigorous cultivar to start off your spring with than this new cultivar in Asters, *Aster novae-angliae* 'Vibrant Dome'. Let these raspberry-pink daisies of 'Vibrant Dome' introduce some hot summer color to your fall plantings. A sport of 'Purple Dome,' the plant was discovered by landscape designer Bobbie Schwartz in her garden, and it exhibits the same

compact form and prolific blooming habit of its famous parent. Asters among the great garden plants, because many of them hold off blooming until late summer and fall, when most garden plants are spent. It is also a great nectar provider for our pollinators. Plants grow and flower best in full sun and evenly moist soil; they do not like drought.

For a shade outlaw how about the Younique™ Series, this earlier bloomer has increased flower power per plant – often double the number of plumes. Bouquets of dense salmon-pink plumes sit atop the lacy foliage. This series is touted for its improved heat and drought tolerance and cold tolerance to zone 3 has also been reported. Astilbe lends a refined grace to perennial borders and any shade garden. Lush deeply cut foliage is attractive for the entire season and is colored from green to bronze. They bloom about 2 weeks before other Astilbe. Astilbe is a mainstay of shade and woodland gardens. Astilbe also attracts butterflies and hummingbirds and has been a long-time perennial favorite in the American landscape.



For the herb outlaw how about the new Basil 'Everleaf Emerald Tower' Flowers up to 10 to 12 weeks later than standard basil. It has a well-branched variety with short internodes that makes a beautiful towering plant with huge harvest potential that stays tidy for many uses, including in-ground, container gardens and hydroponics. The flavor is that of the traditional Genovese flavor and is perfect for eating fresh in a caprese salad or chopped fresh in recipes. This basil has a dark green, glossy foliage and tidy columnar habit for the herb garden.



Always try to be that outlaw in the garden! Happy Trials to all, it has been a pleasure writing these articles for you.



**SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION
DIRECTORS PROJECT 2017-2019**

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Plant, Protect, and Preserve our South Atlantic Region: Its national parks, state parks, public lands and community spaces.

Plant, protect, and preserve our South Atlantic Region: Its National parks, state parks, public lands and community spaces. I would like to thank everyone that participated in the Director's project. It has been a special opportunity for me to read about the exciting projects your clubs were doing in parks and public spaces. Thank you to all that sent in your awards. Best wishes to you for the upcoming year.



**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 %

Applications must be sent to the state scholarship chairman by February 1. This chairman will forward it to the regional chairman by March 1.

YOUTH – GIRL SCOUTS

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It has been my pleasure to serve on the SAR Board for the past several years as Youth Projects Girl Scout Chairman. Because my husband and I wish to travel more, this will be my last SAR Key Notes article. I will also not serve on the 2019-2021 Garden Club Board as Girl Scouts Badge Chairman. This chairman has met, talked with, given programs, and mailed packets to so many Garden Clubs and Girl Scout Troop Leaders. I will miss all of you, and am always available if I can help in any way. Our youth are amazing and are the key to our future and country. Let's continue to support them in any way we can!

YOUTH: SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS

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I hope you are planning now to distribute the poster rules to schools, scouts, or other youth in the fall. We hope to have lots of posters submitted through each state for the coming year.



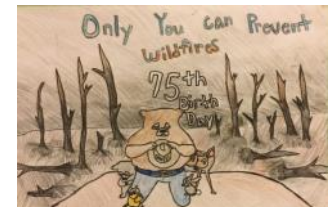
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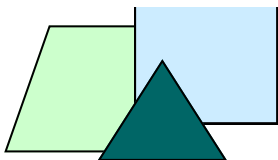
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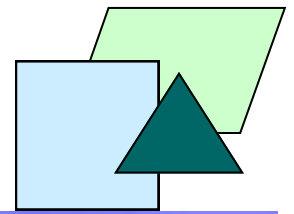
Grade 4 Savannah Carter



Grade 5 Jacob Ewing



SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION CONVENTION 2019



South Atlantic Region 2019 Convention
 “The Beauty of Nature: Protect, Preserve,
 Enjoy”
 DoubleTree by Hilton in Williamsburg, Virginia.
 March 28-30, 2019



South Atlantic Region 2019 Convention

We were entertained and educated by many exciting programs: David Pippin and Al Brockwell as the Dueling Designers for the design program on Friday, March 29th. There were two terrific programs on Thursday, March 28th with *The Gardening Angel* and a Bird Rescuer as well as David Roos for dinner that night. Gordon Chappell of Williamsburg gave us a program on *Cottage Gardens* for the Friday night dinner. The Director and Alternate Director for 2019 - 2021 were installed that evening by Former NGC President Sandy Robinson.

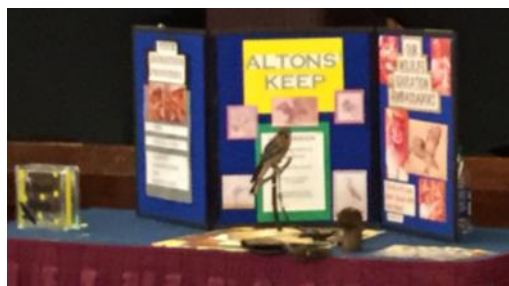
Our meeting ended with the awards brunch on Saturday and a brief board meeting of the new board for 2019 - 2021 and we know the retiring Director as well as the incoming Director appreciated your support at this meeting. There were shopping opportunities, chances to take home treasures and designs through drawings; table centerpieces for sale, and still we had time to visit with our friends in all five states as well as make new friends. If you were unable to attend, you missed a fun and entertaining convention. Hope to see you at the next convention, March 19-20, 2020 in Greenville SC.

Many thanks to Mary Dixon, Loy Holt and their various committee chairmen and volunteers who worked hard to make this a success. And thanks to all who attended. Without you, there would be no convention.

Note from chairman

Many thanks to those that came to the SAR Convention in Williamsburg. We had fun, great programs, good food and renewed friendships. Many thanks to the ladies of Virginia that helped make it special. I always said it would be Wonderful and for me it was as I so enjoyed spending time with you all.

Mary Dixon
 2019 SAR Convention Chairman



SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION
CONVENTION 2019 (continued)

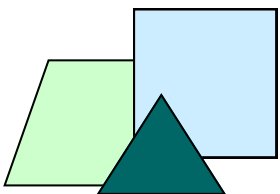


Current Director with the Current
Presidents of the States in the South Atlantic Region

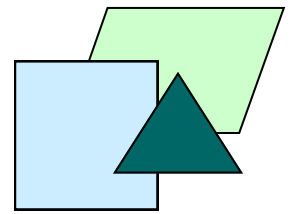


Incoming State Presidents
With
Incoming Regional director

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National Garden Clubs



Nancy Hargroves
2017-2019 NGC President

Theme:
"Plant America"



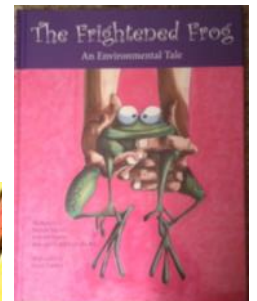
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS CONVENTION
"Gathering on the Gulf"
April 29-May 2
Beau Rivage Hotel
Biloxi MS
We hope to see many of our South Atlantic Region members at the National Garden Clubs Convention in Biloxi. We will have a report of that convention in the July 2019 Key Notes.

YOUTH PROJECTS

National Garden Clubs is continuing "The Frightened Frog" program with the book. We now have 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 "Pop Goes the Seed". The HS Essay contest for grades 9-12 has the topic "The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply". 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. All details can be found on the NGC website.



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Don't forget! The deadline for the July 2019 Key Notes is June 20. That way the issue can be distributed during in early July. Send your articles to this editor as she will be continuing our 2019-2021 SAR Director in this same position.

SAR AWARDS

#1 Arbor Day Tree Planting/Activities

Overall Winner: #1i Lancaster GC Lancaster SC
 #1i (Tie) Driftwood GC North Myrtle Beach SC
 And Chapin GC Chapin SC

#2 Bird Protection

Overall Winner: #2ii Clarice Wilson GC Greenville SC
 #2i Two Creeks GC South Carolina

#3 Protecting our Pollinators

Overall Winner #3v The Garden Club of Charleston SC
 #3i Emerald Isle GC NC
 #3ii Gardening on the Cay SC
 #3iii Lake and Hills GC Salem, SC

#4 Community Beautification/Landscape Design

Overall Winner #4ii Lady Slipper GC Spartanburg SC
 #4v Greenville Council of GC Greenville SC

#5 Environmental/Conservation

Overall Winner #5iii Lake and Hills Salem SC
 #5i Bay Blossom GC Columbia SC
 #5ii Azalea GC of Marion Marion SC
 #5iv Greenville Council of GC Greenville SC

#6 Garden Therapy Activities/Healing Garden

Overall Winner #6ii Lady Slipper GC Spartanburg SC
 #6i Magnolia of John Island GC SC
 #6iv The GC of Charleston Charleston SC

#7 Garden Therapy Horticulture Project

Overall Winner #7i Hilliard Park VA
 #7ii Gardening on the Cay GC SC

#8 Historic Preservation

Overall Winner #8ii Blue Ridge GC VA
 #8iii Chesapeake Bay GC VA

#9 Publication: Club Newsletter

Overall Winner #9i Westchester GC VA
 #9ii Wayside GC VA

#11 A National Garden Week

Overall Winner #11ii Abingdon GC VA
 #11i Hilliard Park GC VA
 #11 iv Salisbury GC VA

#11B National Garden Week

Greer Council of Garden Clubs Greer SC

#12 Programs

Overall Winner #12Bi Magnolia GC of Johns Island SC

#13 Public Relations

Overall winner #13 ii Magnolia GC of Johns Island SC
 #13i Emerald Isle GC NC

#14 Roadside Improvement

Overall Winner #14ii Roxboro & Garden Study NC

#15 A Standard Flower Show Schedule—Single Club

Overall winner #15Aii Thomas Jefferson GC VA
 #15A I Westchester GC VA

#15 B Standard FS Schedule—Two or More Clubs or Council

Overall Winner #15B Piedmont District VA

#16 Landscape Design for Church Gardens

#16i Seasons IV GC VA

#17 Plant it Pink

Overall Winner #17i Boiling Springs GC Southport NC
 #17iii Avid Gardeners Hilton Head SC
 #17iv The Garden Club of Charleston Charleston SC

#18 “Vision of Beauty” Calendar Sales

Overall Winner #18i Westchester GC VA
 #18 iv The GC of South Carolina SC

#19 Blue Star Memorial Landscaping

Overall Winner #19i Roxboro & Garden Study NC

#21 Water Conservation Award

Overall Winner #21i Seasons IV GC VA

#22 Website

Overall Winner #22i Magnolia GC of Johns Island SC
 #22ii Midlothian GC VA
 #22iii The Avid Gardeners Hilton Head SC

#25 Youth Education

Overall Winner #25ii Laurel Oaks GC KY
 #25i Emerald Isle GC NC

#26 Yearbooks

Overall Winner #26YB1-1 Palmetto GC SC
 #26YB1-2 Westchester GC VA
 #26YB1-3 The GC of Elizabethtown KY
 #26YB1-4 Chesapeake Bay GC VA
 #26YB1-5 Lake and Hills GC SC
 #26YB1-6 The Columbia GC SC
 #26YB1-7 The GC of Charleston SC

#27A Publicity Press Book

Overall Winner #27Aiv The GC of Frankfort KY
 #27Aii The Madison Garden Club VA
 #27Aiii Chesapeake Bay GC VA

#27 B Publicity Press Book

Overall Winner #27B Tidewater District VA

#28 Youth Club Award

Overall Winner #28i Yaupon GC North Myrtle Beach SC
 #28ii Croasdaile GC Durham NC
 #28iii The Avid Gardeners Hilton Head SC
 #28iv The GC of Charleston SC

#30 Youth Poetry Contest

K– Jordan Senic, Emma Scott GC WV
 1st Jade Jones, Emma Scott GC WV
 2nd Samantha Maxwell, Emma Scott GC WV
 3rd Kayleigh Bright, Madison GC VA
 4th Evie Skean, Two Creeks GC KY
 5th Caroline Wright, Madison GC (Overall Winner) VA
 6th Marc-Andrew Relich, Down to Earth GC KY
 7th Sarah Elizabeth McLeod, St Matthews GC SC
 8th Curtis Relich, Down to Earth GC Ky
 9th Sage Coon, The Yellow Jessamine GC SC

#31 NGC High School Essay Contest

Magan Gabel 123th Grade, Madison GC VA

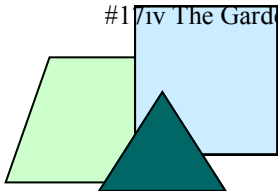
#33 Smokey Bear/Woody Owl Poster Contest

1st Riley Chapman, Madison GC VA
 2nd Paetyn Lester, Madison GC VA
 3rd Amelia Robinson, High Country GC WV
 4th Savannah Carter, Pinnacle GC NC
 5th Jacob Ewing, High Country GC WV

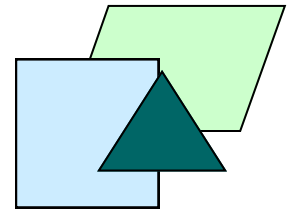
SAR Special Project Winner

Upsy Daisy Garden Club SC

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Odds 'N' Ends

Schools and Other Dates Coming Up

Landscape Design School:

Course 1: May 15-16 Morgantown WV

Course 2: Aug. 13-14 Raleigh NC

Course 3: Feb. 11-12 Raleigh NC

Course 4: Jan. 14-15 Charleston SC

Flower Show School:

Course 1: Aug. 1-3 Moundsville WV; Sept. 9-12 Roanoke VA

Course 4: Apr. 15-17 Winston-Salem NC

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Gardening School:

Course 3: June 10-11 Raleigh NC

Course 4: Oct. 22-23 Raleigh NC; Sept. 25-26 KY

Symposium

June 10-11 Berea KY

NGC Convention

April 29– May3 Biloxi MS

National Garden Week

June 2-8

SAR Convention

March 19-20, 2020 Greenville SC

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State And With Members Of The State Boards
Thank You