

# KEY NOTES



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## THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

“Jump at Every Opportunity”



It's finally here! The new year 2021 is upon us, and we are all looking forward to a brighter year than the last. Personally, I am full of a renewed hope that we will get to an easier new “normal” than what was put in front of our nation in 2020.

When I think of newness and hope, I always think of my garden. My husband and I have approximately 500 square feet of raised vegetable beds. We do have some lovely flower gardens around our home, but the vegetable gardens are our pride and joy. I can honestly say that they (along with our backyard chickens!) have been my “lifeline” since the Covid-19 pandemic invaded our lives. It isn't just preparing the beds, planting seeds, weeding, and harvesting. It's the time alone to become one with a simpler lifestyle. It's realizing what is really important in my life. It's the love of our little piece of land, and all that it can give us. It's the closeness I feel to nature – and to my Creator.

The gardens became a way to connect to my family – a way to “take care” of them, even though we couldn't have the family get together we have been so used to for many, many years. Every time I harvested vegetables, I could share them with family and friends, and with this, share my love for them. Did it replace the hugs or family meals together? No, but it gave me a sense of worth during the pandemic – a purpose to hold on to.

I talk about my gardens with you, my SAR members, not to just tell you what I did during the pandemic. I talk about them because, as gardeners, we share the connection of our love of nature – its beauty and its bounty. It gives us the pleasure of growing something from nothing. It gives us the opportunity to create spectacular floral arrangements. It gives us the chance to share our knowledge with others, not just members of our own garden clubs.

As a member of West Virginia Garden Clubs, SAR, and NGC, I have been blessed to have had the great opportunity to meet many wonderful and interesting people. Networking and sharing ideas are a very important part to any successful organization. I am glad to know that members have found new and different ways to connect during the pandemic. Zoom and teleconferencing have become our new way of conducting meetings and seeing one another.

As I write this article, I am hoping to plan a “virtual” convention for SAR this spring. It's something new, and, frankly, it's rather scary thinking about getting it together. But, I know, with the support of SAR members, it can happen. When the plans are announced, I truly hope we will get good participation from our members.

I think this year is off to a good start. I'm sure we have all been touched in some way by Covid. But, we will keep going forward. Everyone, stay safe and well.

*Patty Arndt*



## State Presidents' Themes and Reports



### **The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. Donna Smith, President "Let's Grow"**

"Change is inevitable--except from a vending machine." -Robert C. Gallagher  
 This pandemic that we have found ourselves surrounded by for most of 2020 and still in 2021 has caused the Garden Club of Kentucky to change the way we do things. We have had to look for new ways to stay connected, move forward with our gardening projects in our communities, and find ways for our club members to be together. On good weather days clubs have had meetings out of doors in parks and community gardens. Our garden club members have planted bulbs, flowers, shrubs and trees across our beautiful commonwealth and have had a tremendous impact on their communities. Beginning in September 2020, The Garden Club of Kentucky started having a state-wide garden club gathering on Zoom once a month. We visit for a few minutes and then have a program. Some of our clubs come a few minutes early and go to a "room" in Zoom to have their club business meeting and then stay for the virtual program. This has been a very good thing for small clubs who have difficulty finding presenters for their club meetings. Several of our programs have been recorded and are available on the Kentucky Garden Club web-

site, [www.gardenclubky.org](http://www.gardenclubky.org).

As I think of my time as President of The Garden Club of Kentucky, I am pleased with what we have been able to accomplish in spite of the pandemic. We have laid the groundwork to plant native plants on public properties across the state. An example of including private properties in this endeavor is our partnership with the 12,000 acre elk preserve, Boone's Ridge, to furnish seed to plant acres of native wildflowers near the Visitor's Center.

Reality shows that native plants cannot survive when competing with invasive plants. To this end, we have joined with the Invasive Plant Society to help publish an invasive plant booklet. This will promote awareness to member and nonmembers.

The Kentucky Flower Show Judge's Council sponsored FSSIII on June 25-27, 2020 and FSS IV is planned for summer 2021. Kentucky is planning a virtual convention April 12-13, 2021. Here's to a new year in which The Garden Club of Kentucky will continue to change and continue to grow!

*Donna Smith*

### **The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., Brenda Crocker, President Theme: "Engage Others, as You Would Engage Your Plants"**



These past months have been very difficult on the clubs. We started off with a bang in 2019 and had a few good months to get things rolling. And BAM! the pandemic hit. So many of our clubs have not met, some have used zoom and some have continued to do some projects.

We only had one Fall Board meeting in 2019 and no other meetings since. All the meetings that our officers have had have been virtual. Lots of emailing and phone calls between clubs.

Our one bright spot in our state this term has been a new website. We have worked very hard to use this as a good communicating tool. We now have the capability to send emails to all members. We are still working out the "Kinks" but so far it is working. The challenge we have is getting our members to use it. All forms are on the website, all members, and lots of information of what some clubs have

been able to accomplish.

Our Annual meeting is going to be virtual on April 18. It will only last 90 minutes on that day starting at 2:00. We will video our installation early to be able to get that in.

I have been presented with several challenges but with the help of our officers we have come through this pandemic with very few scars. I think the one thing we have really missed is seeing everyone in person and renewing old friendships and making new friends.

My theme for this term has been "engage with others as you would engage with your plants". I feel we have engaged with our plants a lot but missing our "in person meetings."

I hope the next two years for the new administration will be a lot smoother than this one has been. Good luck to everyone.

*Brenda Crocker*

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### **The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. Trish Bender, President Theme: “#gardenFORlife”**



The Garden Club of South Carolina continues to engage our members with virtual learning. On the first Friday of each month, presidents and club officers zoom together for leadership training, timely reminders and brainstorming sessions. The informal sessions have enabled club officers to seek guidance, share ideas, collaborate on projects and simply stay connected. On the second Wednesday of each month, we host a 1-hour live seminar on mission-related topics like sustainability, planting for pollinators, floral design and gardening FOR life. These are generally taught by experts in their field who grant GCSC licensed permission to repost the seminars on our YouTube Channel, GCSC Classroom.

January's seminar on climate change science, brought over 100 members together with other organizations such as South Carolina Wildlife Federation, Gills Creek Water Shed, Columbia Green, Master Gardeners and Native Plant Society members.

While our biggest fundraiser, a trip to the Chelsea Flower Show, was cancelled, donations continued to be received for scholarships, our Memorial Garden, Veteran's Brick project, Hundred Heroes, and the GardenFORLife Initiative. These

donations allowed GCSC to keep the lights on as well as donate \$6500 towards the Riverbanks Botanical Garden's *Plant with Purpose* project, a project designed to encourage planting for pollinators with proven winning combinations.

Clubs and Councils also continued to hold virtual or COVID-Safe meetings, tend public gardens, decorate town halls and the Governor's Mansion for the holidays, and provide much needed garden therapy to nursing homes and schools. Many started or revamped their community pollinator gardens and gave away hundreds of seeds and free plants to the public. While most celebrated Arbor Day by planting at least one tree, several clubs coordinated with wholesale suppliers to give away hundreds of native saplings and each garden club member was encouraged to plant one tree in their own landscapes. Over 200 trees were planted for the *Plant America, Each One Plant One* project.

We are currently planning a virtual end of term convention for April 21 -23, 2021. The three-day event will feature a board meeting, general membership meeting, speakers and workshops, an awards presentation, a memorial, and the installation of new officers.

*Trish Bender*



### **Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Mary Sue Floyd, President Theme: “Today's Actions Pave the Pathways of Tomorrow”**

So we have moved past 2020, but still having a lot going on in 2021. Let's all hope for better times soon. Who would have thought when we installed in the spring of 2019 that we would be cancelling convention and in-person meetings. In 2019 I thought zoom was a toddler racing his small cars across the room. On a positive note, we have learn a lot of new technology.

In Virginia we held our installation for this administration on April 1. I mentioned that this term would be different, but I didn't know how different.

I have been impressed with how our clubs have adapted to the changes needed. Clubs who could meet in person have done so; others have met by zoom; and others have stayed in touch through email and phone calls.

To follow our theme “Today's Actions Pave the Pathways of Tomorrow”, we are showing the future generations that

with thought and creativity we can overcome adversities.

Since we could not always get together, many members have found time to get out in the yard and get things in shape. Which also helped us get exercise and sunshine.

Many of our usual activities had to be altered, but we still shared information with our members.

At this time we are working on having an abbreviated convention on Monday April 26 by zoom. We will have a short business meeting to cover required business, workshops/demonstrations, design program, awards program, and installation of officers presented by our NGC President, Gay Austin.

I have been pleased to know that even with the setbacks of Covid-19, our clubs have gained some new members.

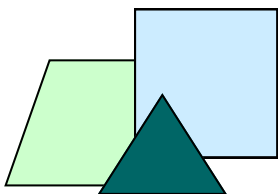
I think all of this shows that our garden club members and officer are resilient and resourceful. We are learning to “think outside the box”

*Mary Sue Floyd*

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**West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.**  
**Vickie Stedman, President**  
**Theme: "Smiling Faces, Beautiful Places"**



The virtual festivities of the unusually quiet holidays are behind us and January is here. Everyone is busy trying to fulfill those pesky resolutions that they made on New Year's Day. One of my resolutions is to really try to increase WVGCI membership but, it's hard. Joining any organization does not seem to be on anyone's "to do" list these days. Nevertheless, I'm going to try.

Winter is a pretty quiet time for WVGCI. The skies are gray, and we occasionally get snowed in! We usually manage to stay busy planning for our convention in the spring and our two House & Garden Tours, but this year is different. No convention, no tours, no meetings. A few of our clubs have tried to stay somewhat active during this pandemic, but most have suspended their activities until it's safe. I realize that this Covid thing has completely disrupted all aspects of our lives and Garden Club is no exception. We really need to work on ways to stay connected so that

when this nightmare is finally over, we can get back to doing the thousand wonderful things we do for our communities.

One of the things that we are really proud of is our new website. This site is easily updated and will be kept up to date with the latest information. Since we introduced the new website, we have had numerous new member requests and a few different inquiries about various topics. There is a "Happenings" area for each individual District to display photographs and showcase their fun times and their hard work. It is my hope that a clean interactive website will help us reach some new, younger members. There's that darned resolution again!

I look forward to seeing all of you soon, maybe even at a virtual convention. Until then, stay warm!

*"January is a time for dreaming."*

*Vickie C. Stedman*

## Chairman Reports



### ARBOR DAY

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Did any of your garden clubs do anything special to celebrate Arbor Day last spring? Most probably didn't due to Covid-19. 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. **This visibility could be a chance to open a door to a new member, too.**

Let this chairman know what you did, if anything, last spring. Some clubs were only able to plant a tree in their community. If you couldn't do anything this past year, maybe you could gather a small group and present a brief history while you plant the tree.



### AWARDS

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Even though we are not having a convention, the clubs are still busy working on their various projects. I am receiving their applications for awards with many excellent projects. It isn't too late to plan for the award applications which be due at the end of this year.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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#### Grassroots Green

*January* is always a time for reflection, the month's name having been derived from that ancient pagan god Janus, whose head appeared facing in two opposite directions on Roman coins. We are told by historians that January is thus the time to reflect on past mistakes, learn from them, and move forward.

As a nation, we have recently emerged from unprecedented trials, and hopefully we will have learned important lessons that will aid us in moving forward on many levels.

As your Environmental Education chairman, I confess (without getting into politics) that I am glad to see America's return to the Paris Agreement on climate change. As a resident of Charleston SC, I can attest from personal experience that the sea levels *are* rising and the flooding of our city streets is happening more often, and to greater depths, than I have seen in the last 40 years. Those of us who live only nine feet above sea level are perhaps more attuned to these unobvious changes in the climate than others.

One of the recent lessons learned is: "that we are all in this together". That means that the success of our future is going to be dependent on more than just one nation, or group of people stepping up to the plate. As we have learned from the pandemic, it will require each of us doing our part to make a difference in our world.

I have been impressed with recent news stories depicting young children whose personal concern and creativity has made an amazing difference. We are constantly discovering that just *one* life really can make a difference in our world.

What can *we* do? First, each of us can be more aware of our personal carbon footprint. Four of my immediate neighbors have recently installed beautiful 'historic' gas lanterns on either side of their front doors, or in their gardens. These lanterns burn fossil fuel 24/7...three hundred and sixty-five days a year. They are never turned off. I don't think people are really aware of what we are doing to the environment. On these cold raw days in January we can put on a sweater and turn down our thermostats a degree or three. We can create less waste and buy products that use less packaging. We can turn off light switches in rooms we aren't using. We can all do something!

Geneva Hunt (Arbor Day Chairman) and I have long been SAR allies in bringing you our united messages, so I hope she will forgive me for mentioning her trees as part of my environmental solutions. Just recently I was thrilled to learn this new fact: A healthy 100' tall tree has about 200,000 leaves on it. In a single growing season a tree this size can take 11,000 gallons of water from the soil and re-release it into the air again as oxygen and water vapor. More trees will help our flooding problem. So... if you don't like my idea of putting on a sweater, maybe you will consider planting a tree for the future in memory of a friend or loved one. Geneva and I will both be proud of you for helping the environment!

### GARDEN THERAPY/HEALING GARDENS/

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Aren't healing and hope intertwined? How many times have we heard or read that the only thing that got people through terrible times was HOPE? Without hope, despair and depression set in and people give up. Can there be healing of the mind or spirit when there is no hope?

A couple of days ago, my brother sent me a picture of a daffodil pushing up from the brown, cold ground. This little touch of green gives hope for the springtime and a renewing spirit in all of us. This past year has been such a void in so many ways and so stressful and so sad. And it continues, BUT we have hope of a better year! With this hope, there can be healing. These next several months could be used to create a Healing Garden in your own yard. Remember, it does not have to be large but peaceful and filled with fragrances and textures and the sounds of nature's inhabitants. Tucked away could be a bench, a chair, even a stool.

As we still wear our masks and social distance, the outdoors provide a safer environment. A Healing Garden, while working alongside fellow club members, could be created somewhere in your community. Consider a local hospital, a church, a library, a school, a memorial park. Select plants that provide a variety of textures and fragrances, trees or shrubs that surround seating away from high traffic areas, and, if possible, include a water feature to really add a comforting dimension. And please do not include many sculptures. They do not promote peace but fear in many people.

As you and your club members plan and dig and plant, you will experience healing of your spirit and hope for an inviting and peaceful place where you and your community can visit.

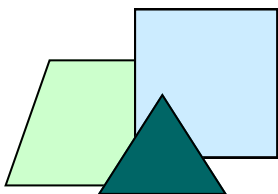
When we have hope, we expect and desire certain things to happen. My hope is for a better spring, an even better summer, and a fall and winter where we can gather with families and friends without fear...and along the way, healing can be found.



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### HORTICULTURE

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### **SEXUAL PROPAGATION**

Let's get one thing straight before we start. Asexual Propagation deals with starting plants by things other than seeds such as cuttings. Sexual Propagation, of course, then deals with Propagating Plants by sowing seeds. This article will deal with my techniques of sowing seeds for my small backyard garden.

When I lived in Illinois, years ago, I had an acre truck garden, which I used for being a test gardener for the Horticulture magazine. At that time I would receive over three dozen seed catalogs in December. Now that I live in a subdivision with only limited space, five raised vegetable beds, I only receive about ten or twelve catalogs. I start my first seeds the last week of January so the catalogs must arrive in time for me to order and receive my seeds before that time. The seeds will usually arrive just in time to make my schedule. Once my seeds arrive, I divide them into stacks according to the seed planting dates. The first stack for the last week of January are the teeny tiny seeds that take forever to reach transplanting size seedlings. Tomatoes and sweet peppers are sown the first week of February, normal size seeds are planted the second week and the large seeds of sunflowers, etc. are planted the first week of March. This is much earlier than most gardeners because I have equipment to cover my plants if we have a late frost. You probably have your own dates that you have had experience with over the years.

I have started seeds in many different ways, from window sills, to fluorescent lights in my basement, to cold frames and to greenhouses. The greenhouse would seem to be the best process but I don't like keeping my greenhouse that warm in the winter. Yes, I live in town and still have a 10 x 12 foot greenhouse. Seeds will not germinate very well in cool temperatures. I use my green house to over-winter pots until the seedlings can be moved there. The pots and trees then go into my heated garage under fluorescent lights.

Where do I start my seeds? Why of course on my

formal dining table!! I put down plastic and then old towels to keep the moisture from ruining my table. I plant most of my plants in old Tupperware containers with holes drilled in the bottom. They come with lids to cover the seeds and keep them moist until they germinate. They are perfect for this and by far my favorite.

Once they germinate, the lids come off and they go under two four foot florescent lights that are also on the table. The lights are on top of stacks of gardening books that are kept just a couple of inches higher than the plants. As soon as the first real leaves come on, I transplant the seedlings to their own cell pack. These can stay on the table until I run out of room and then they go to the greenhouse.

By keeping the constant 70 to 75 degrees temperature I get almost 100 percent germination. By watching the color of the potting mix I can tell when it is time to bottom water the containers in garden plant trays. I use seed starting mix for the smaller seeds and potting mix for the larger seeds. For the tomatoes and peppers I use two of those Parks seed starting trays and transplant them to cell packs as quickly as possible.

Oh, by the way, did I mention how convenient it is to use my dining room and it is extremely easy to spot any problems before they even happen. You might try some of these suggestions. I have dozens of UTUBE videos on almost any garden plant known. Just type in Bud Qualk in the UTUBE search window and many of my shows will come up. There should even be one on Propagation. I have a new show that should be out in late April 2021 on growing tomatoes and peppers from seeds to harvest. Thank you for all you do and Good Gardening..





## Chairman Reports (continued)

### Member Services/Vision of Beauty Calendar

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**OUR STORE** on NGC's website is the place to find the Vision of Beauty Calendar, flower show awards and supplies, beautiful scarves, jewelry, books, certificates, gifts, and many other products. Visit [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) and click on OUR STORE at the top of the home page to begin shopping.



As light as a feather, this NGC scarf is made of 100% pure silk georgette with a hand-rolled hem. It's a perfect gift for yourself or an outgoing club president. It is 22" wide x 67" long and features all the State Garden Club Seals. Wear this scarf in a variety of ways all year round and show your pride in our organization.  
Cost: \$35.00. Item # 5469

Present this beautiful pin to your incoming club president. A safety pin style clasp is on the back. Size: 1 inch in diameter  
Cost: \$25.00  
Item #4132



National Garden Clubs' 2021 Vision of Beauty Calendar is still available! This engagement calendar is filled with photographs of creative designs and gardens and makes a wonderful gift!  
Cost: \$5.00  
Item #2021-1-49

**Are you a new club president?** If so, you might be interested in NGC's "President's Kit" which is full of helpful information, brochures and tips for helping you have a successful administration. Available from Member Services this invaluable resource is \$10.



### NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

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National Garden Week is the first week in June. Let this chairman know if any of your groups are planning anything for this coming June. Encourage all your clubs to include plans for National Garden Week 2021 in their annual plans.

### Penny Pines

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Re: Donating to the Penny Pines Reforestation / Forest Education Program

1. Make Checks payable to: NGC-Penny Pines \*\*\*Must be in increments of \$68.00 each\*\*\* Mail check and copy of form to: National Garden Clubs, Inc. National Headquarters 4401 Magnolia Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110-3406

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Penny Pines Form

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

National Forest this donation is to benefit:

\_\_\_\_\_ State you wish this donation contributed to

Total \$ amount being sent : \_\_\_\_\_ Must be in increments of \$68.00 each

\_\_\_\_ Check to have a certificate sent.

Please make this Certificate: In Honor of:

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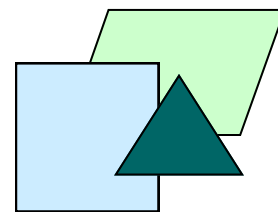
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### THE CORRIE WHITLOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FROM SAR

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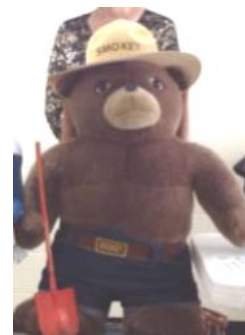
A rising Junior or Senior in College and/or a graduate student are eligible to receive the Corrie Whitlock Memorial Scholarship or the SAR Scholarship. Each state within the South Atlantic Region may submit one application to be in competition for a Scholarship. A qualifying student is one majoring in 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 %

Applications must be sent to the state scholarship chairman by each February 1. The state chairman will forward it to the regional chairman by March 1 of that year.



### YOUTH: SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS

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I know it is probably too late to do anything this year – however, it would be appreciated if the state chairmen would let me know what you have/or will be doing!

With the school situation, it is hard – BUT – you have church groups, South troops, grandchildren, etc. that you might contact. Keep this in mind for next year – in case schools are still out!

## SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION CONVENTION 2021

### STAY TUNED TO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

For our 2021 South Atlantic Region Convention, we will be trying a new way. Each state has been asked to submit the names and contact information for 10 delegates not already serving on the SAR Board. These delegates and board members make up the voting strength of the convention. Did I say this convention will be on zoom? That's what we want to try so we can still be able to "see" each other and still stay safe. There will be details of this project circulated when the plan is completed.



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# NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS



Gay Austin  
2019-2021 NGC President

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"Plant America"

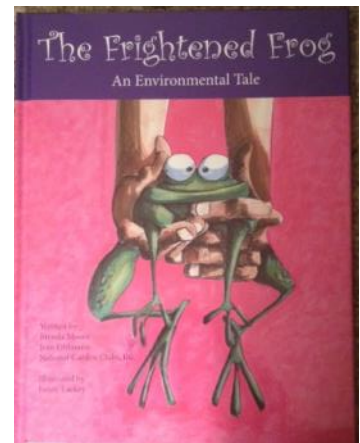


## YOUTH PROJECTS

National Garden Clubs is continuing "The Frightened Frog" program with the book and "The Saved Seed", tracing the life of a pumpkin seed. Each book is \$10 and can be ordered from NGC Member Services.

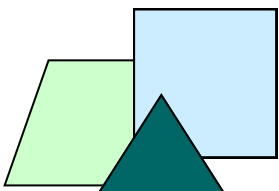
As has been done for many years, we will continue to sponsor the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Don't forget the Poetry Contest for K-9. Although the deadlines for this year have passed, we will be given new titles for the next administration. All rules may be found on the NGC website.

And finally there is the Youth Sculpture Contest open to grades 4-8. The sculpture is to be made of recycled, reused, or repurposed items. All details can be found on the NGC website.



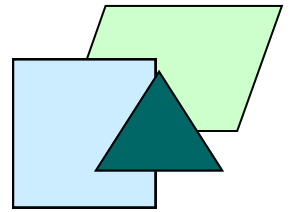
## NGC GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Clubs may apply for the NGC Plant America Community Project Grant. The application and details are on the NGC website. Also there you will find information about our partnerships with Ames Garden Tools and Espoma. Both offer help for garden club projects.



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