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Hello Friends,

As I write this, I cannot help but think of all the busy days I just know you and I have had since spring turned into summer. There have been flower shows to judge and to enter, home and garden tours, flowers to plant, weeds to pull, Blue/Gold Star Dedications, and NGC Zoom meetings!

And speaking of flower shows...who does not love a flower show? Flower shows allow such unbridled creativity, lovely exhibits, and near perfect specimens of all sorts of plants. They are an educational tool and good for public relations, too. Some of our clubs do a wonderful job of getting young people to enter a flower show and to plant flowers in their communities. These clubs are truly 'growing' our next generation of gardeners.

NGC Federated Clubs like ours are all about beautifying our communities and educating our members and nonmembers. I attended my very first course of Environmental School and loved it! I came back home even more determined to rid my life of one-time use items...and to encourage others to do the same. I am looking forward to the other three courses. Hopefully, I will be able to attend Gardening and Landscape Design Schools sometime in the future. The rewards are knowledge, fun, and new friends!



The NGC Fall Board Meeting was by Zoom and well organized, but I am so happy that the decision has been made to head back to our NGC Headquarters for next September's meeting. To me, this was one of the special trips as a state president. I want this term of state presidents to have the same opportunity to visit a beautiful refuge that is ours to enjoy and to maintain. And I hope the same program will be provided for us again that gave us the history and vision of those who were before us. The decision was made to rent out headquarters for weddings and other events to help with monies needed for maintenance...a smart way to use and promote our headquarters!

And now fall is really all around us and that brings lots of decorating to be done and to be seen. It also brings lots of district meetings in each of our states. I have been made aware by some of the SAR State Presidents that they have been so very busy visiting with their state clubs. And awards season is upon us! You cannot win the lottery if you don't buy a ticket! Win, lose, or draw, applying for an award for all the time and effort put into a project allows for reflection on what your club has accomplished, I believe this is as important as that ribbon or certificate. Good luck to all the clubs in their award applications. And don't be too disappointed with your white ribbon...it may actually be a 90+!

Winter will be just getting real close and with it comes sweet memories as the mugs of apple cider and eggnog are enjoyed. I wish all of you a wonderful fall while you create sweet new memories.

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## PRESIDENTS' REPORTS AND THEMES



The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.

Susan Throneberry

Theme: "Go Green...Plant Kentucky!  
Plant Kindness and Beauty, Harvest a Garden of Friends."



Summer has flown by and Fall has arrived, but we continue working with our gardens and sharing their beauty in Kentucky. This Summer, members hosted Flower Shows and garden tours which kept exhibitors and judges busy. The Historic Botherum Tour was held in June at Lexington, Kentucky and was hosted by Kentucky native and great American gardener, Jon Carloftis.

The Blue Star Marker program is one of my President's Projects and I was honored to attend and participate in the Dedication of a Blue Star Marker in Florence, Kentucky sponsored by Boone County Garden Club in September. In-person Environmental and Flower Show schools have been offered and well attended.

On September 21st, I participated in the virtual National Garden Club Fall Board Meeting. Brenda Moore, our NGC President had obviously worked hard to prepare. Thank goodness for the very well written eleven pages of the agenda! I am looking forward to the 2024 Convention and Board Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

The GCKY website has undergone a complete revamp and I hope you will visit our page soon. <https://www.gardenclubky.org>. It was intended as a resource for all members and an easy way for our members to connect to SAR and NGC.

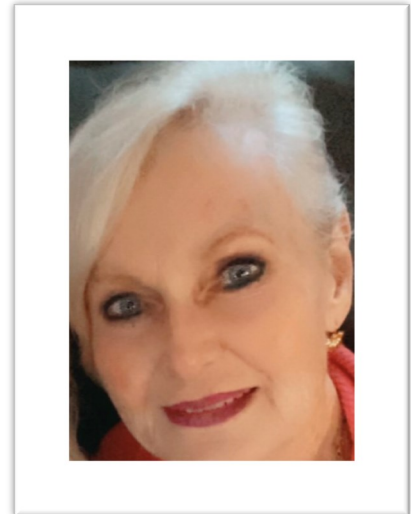
The five district meetings are coming up in October and the officers will travel together across the Commonwealth of Kentucky to attend. The hospitality is wonderful and the programs are varied and interesting. It is an opportunity for our members to socialize with other clubs, share information about projects and activities clubs and enjoy the day.

## PRESIDENTS' REPORTS AND THEMES

The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.

Linda McLendon ,

Theme: "Cultivating Inspiration" in Gardening by Communicating, Educating and Participating ”



The Transylvania Garden Club of Brevard, NC hosted the GCNC Annual Meeting for District 1 October 5, 2023 at St Phillip's Episcopal Church. Garden club members from Asheville, Brevard, Hendersonville, Sylva, Tryon and Waynesville comprised a gathering of 51 guests.

GCNC officials attending included President Linda McLendon, First Vice President Charles McLendon, Second Vice President Marilyn Wright, and Third Vice President Suzanne Gurski. Also joining the meeting was Cathy Franklin - Griffin GCNC District 1 Interim Director. Socializing with assorted pastries and coffee preceded our luncheon and a business meeting followed. Each garden club presented their club news and events sharing lots of new ideas and suggestions. Transylvania Garden Club members Joan Koperski and Maureen Copelof gave a presentation of the on-going project the club has taken on now in its' 3rd season. The project of creating and managing a community garden of Native flowers at the newly constructed Railroad Avenue Depot has been a challenging but very rewarding adventure. On Wednesday Oct. 4th the TGC prepared a Picnic upper at the Depot Gardens for the GCNC Board, including a guided tour and history of the Gardens.

Special thanks were given to Drake Fowler, Deputy Executive Director of the North Carolina Arboretum for guidance and landscape assistance at the inception of the idea for the community gardens.

It has been a grand year and we at TGC wish all gardeners a fabulous Fall.

Rosalie Morris  
State Reporter for TGC



## PRESIDENTS' REPORTS AND THEMES



The Garden Club of North Carolina.

David E. Stoudenmire, Jr. , President

Theme: “Legacy Gardening” Past - Present - Future ”



The September 7<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meetings seems like only last week, but almost four months have slipped by for all of us. Our first meeting together of this new Administration went well due to the teamwork that is exhibited each time we gather. I especially appreciate the board members for being willing to go on my “little field trip and picnic” to our very special Memorial Garden. Thanks to Molly and her team, we enjoyed a wonderful picnic in this peaceful and extremely beautiful piece of God’s Creation that we are entrusted as stewards. You allowed me to tell you my story of this garden and its special meaning to me and the reason I am centering my theme and fundraising around it for the next two years. You participated in the discussion and dreams of things together we can accomplish there at 1919 Lincoln Street. Special thanks to former President Betsy Steele and Memorial Garden Chairman, Peggy Little, for sharing personal insights of their work to maintain and enhance the Memorial Garden over the years.

Truly, a great deal of work has taken place over this “Summer Vacation Time” throughout our local clubs, councils, districts, and state committees. I cannot begin to thank you enough for all you do to make the Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. the outstanding organization and family it is. I would like to share with you some of the activities I have had the pleasure of representing you during these busy summer months for GCSC.

Have attended and presented at all the seven District Presidents’ Training Sessions. Each of these meetings have been wonderfully planned, well attended, a treasure of important knowledge on such topics as, membership recruitment, awards process, finances, maneuvering our GCSC website for information, developing informative program topics and speaker resources, etc. Many of your State Officers attended and participated as well as State Chairmen. Each year I have seen more involvement and a higher level of educational resources/talks presented. Through programs like this and others to come, I believe we will better meet the needs of our members as well as the new ones coming in and the new clubs being formed!

Planning is going on for a number of events this fall, and dates have been set for GCSC’s Veteran’s Day Program – Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM at the Memorial Garden, Arbor Day, Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 AM at the Memorial Garden, and the Governor’s 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Carolighting Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM on the grounds of The State House north steps.

## PRESIDENTS' REPORTS AND THEMES

The Garden Club of Virginia, Inc.

Val Storie, President

Theme: Every Person Makes A Difference



Being President of the state (commonwealth) is so rewarding.

I have had the privilege attending club anniversary's, have given programs about how NGC, SAR and VFGC and the district all tie together with common goals and objectives. The questions are interesting, to say the least. Many do not know what NGC or SAR is "all about!" I have also had the pleasure of judging a terrific district flower show.

There has been Blue Star dedications at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens in Richmond and another one at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. These dedications are so meaningful and rewarding to attend.

VFGC participated in the Virginia State Fair for two days. What a great turnout...many adults, children of all ages visited the booth and made flower arrangements, birdfeeders and small terrarium garden...what fun. VFGC was very visible.

Soon there will be district meetings in October I will be attending and am looking forward to this...what a change to promote some of VFGC goals and plans. One goal is to encourage flower shows. This is a real way to promote garden clubs and be visible in the community. Also judges and student judges really need more shows to continue their credits.

VFGC's social media presence has increased with more Facebook entries, Instagram and a new and improved web site.

Another project is to review the bylaws and standing rules...always fun. Board members have reviewed their job descriptions.

Soon the holidays will be upon us, to share with family and fellow garden club member. This is a special time of year.

One final note: remember that every person makes a difference.

## PRESIDENTS' REPORTS AND THEMES

The Garden Club of West Virginia, Inc.

Martha Hilton, President

Theme: "Go Green,, Grow With the Flow  
Bee the Seed! Sow-Bloom!"



Wild, Wonderful Fall in West Virginia

The ladies of West Virginia Garden Clubs have not been idle coming into our lovely Fall Season! It's been fabulous traveling throughout the State to our District meetings, where we've learned all about the many projects that our members have been working on so diligently. From the highways & byways, plantings that beautify the towns, parks and rest areas have been lovingly managed by the club members. Along with flowers and vegetable gardens, the members are also remembering to take care of their environment with their recycling & reusing endeavors. Membership is growing as a result of members getting out again in their communities where others can see what fun they have in making the areas a pleasant place to live. Our District Directors have also been busy helping with the upcoming **2024 WVGCI Convention April 18-20 – "Cultivating Connections"** Come travel the roads of West Virginia! Not only will you find lovely landscapes but you just may find a wonderful festival to visit along the way – we love to have visitors.

**2024 WVGCI Convention April 18-20 –2024**

**The Resort at Glade Springs**

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## CHAIRMAN REPORTS



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### Birds

#### To Clean Or Not To Clean Your Nest Box

Prior to the breeding season, we make sure that our nest boxes are ready for their future occupants. As the season progresses, we watch the naked hatchlings grow and develop into fully-feathered fledglings. Once the breeding season comes to a close, our nest boxes are abandoned and the leftover nesting material remains, which leaves the question, “What should be done with old nests?”

#### NEST BOXES VS NATURAL CAVITIES

Nest selection of natural cavities is quite different in comparison to our handy nest boxes. With a finite number of natural cavities to choose from, most birds can't afford to be picky. Birds often choose to reuse successful natural cavities because constructing a nest from scratch requires critical and limited time and energy. However, the threat of ectoparasites (e.g. mites, blowfly larvae) from the old nesting material can also act as a strong deterrent for cavity selection. With most birds not having the option to be choosy with their nest site selection, birds like the Eastern Bluebird simply build atop old nesting material if alternative cavities aren't available.

Nest boxes provide cavity-nesting species the option to choose among several nest sites. As well-constructed as some nest boxes might be, they are not immune to ectoparasites, the presence of which can deter some birds from occupying a nest box.

#### DOES REMOVING OLD NESTS MEAN FEWER ECTOPARASITES?

Some birds have adapted to cope with ectoparasites, so cleaning out your nest box may not have any impact on whether they occupy it. Male House Wrens, for example, clean out the old nesting material between clutches, essentially doing the job for you.

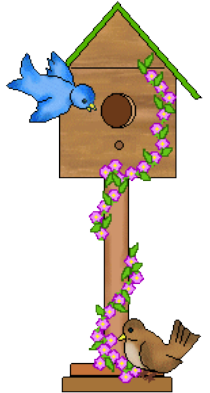
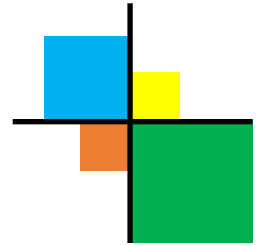
To measure whether human intervention was helpful, researchers in Illinois removed old nesting material from some boxes that they knew successfully reared fledglings in the prior breeding season. With the other boxes left for the House Wrens to clean, the researchers conducted a mite count to determine if there was a perceptible difference. They found that there was no real difference, so regardless of who, or what, cleans out your nest box, mites will still be there.

#### NOT ALL BIRDS CLEAN HOUSE

Bluebirds do not remove old nesting material, rather they simply build over an existing nest. If you do not clean out your nest box, it may become filled to the brim with old nesting material. This can potentially leave the new nest dangerously close to the entrance hole, where predators can easily reach it.

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**Birds** (Continue )



To learn whether removing old nests influenced Eastern Bluebird nest box occupancy, a team of researchers in North Carolina erected 100 nest boxes. After a successful first clutch, they cleaned out half and left the others as is. When the bluebirds were left to make a choice to re-nest in a box with a positive association or to avoid ectoparasites, a whopping 71% of them chose to move to a clean nest box.

So that means you should clean your nest box, right? As compelling as these results are, it's important to remember that this is situation-dependent. Interestingly, opposite conclusions were reached in a Kentucky study that found that Eastern Bluebirds in that state preferred nest boxes with old nests in them. There, parasitic wasps kill blowfly pupae over the winter; therefore, removing old nesting material may actually compromise this natural process.

**TO CLEAN OR NOT TO CLEAN DEPENDS....**

Cleaning out your nest is your choice, as nest site selection varies among cavity-nesting species. When making your decision, feel free to weigh the pros and cons, taking into consideration individual species preference and ectoparasite abundance. If you're hoping to attract House Wrens to your next box, don't worry, they've got it covered. But Eastern Bluebirds are a bit tricky. Depending on where you are, cleaning out your nest box may either invite or deter them.

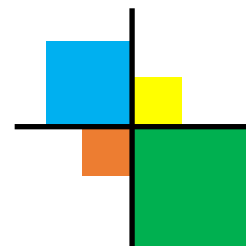
Whether you decide to clean out your nest box at the end of the breeding season or not, don't forget that leftover nesting materials make the perfect home for small mammals. If mice occupy nest boxes, you should definitely clean the boxes in the spring by removing nest material and washing with a soapy solution. Take precaution and wear gloves and a mask when removing rodent nests; they are far less fastidious than birds.





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## The Blue Star Memorial Marker



### The Blue Star Program and Gold Star Families memorials explained.

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Which one is right for your garden club and community? Blue Star Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now NGC, Inc.) adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers were placed along the way. The Blue Star was adopted because it had become an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war as well as in churches and businesses.

Gold Star Families is a non-profit organization created to provide support to those who have lost a loved one in service to our country through the United States Armed Forces. Their mission is to offer honor, hope and healing through remembering fallen heroes by coming together. The name Gold Star came from the custom of families of service members hanging a banner called a service flag in the window of their homes. The service flag had a star for each family member in the United States Armed Forces. Blue Stars represented living service members while a Gold Star represented those who had lost their lives. NGC clubs work with Gold Star Families to honor our fallen heroes with Gold Star Markers.

To be included in the SAR Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Marker location list; Please send a list of the locations of your Blue Star and Gold Star memorial markers, your club name and contact information to Teresa Smith by 12/31/23.

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## Children's Gardens/School Gardens

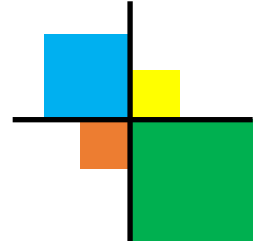
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Glasgow Garden Club



Our club ordered wildflower seeds and gave children each a bag to take home and sow. The kids have been gathering the flowers for their home and sharing with their neighbors. Instructions were given on deadheading and care of the gardens. We had a local flower show for the kids to bring a vase of flowers and arrange. This was open to the public at an event on our town square and public voted on their favorite arrangements. Kids from public got to vote also and this thrilled them that they could be a part of it. Ribbons were given to the winners. Our next meeting the kids are making Common Milkweed Balls. They will mix the mud and roll in milkweed seeds to let dry, then we will instruct them on proper places to throw the balls ( no neighbors lawn). We instruct them to place in a No Mow Area or where pesticides will sprayed.



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## Grassroots Green : The Environmental Impact of Holiday Celebrations

The September 20th deadline for this article might seem a tad early to be talking with you about the environmental impact of the coming holidays... but hey, I just left Costco and *they* have the whole front of the store filled with artificial Christmas trees... anyway, our next deadline for Key Notes would be too late to share with you some astounding facts that I have discovered. At the risk of being labeled “The SAR Sustainability Scrooge” here goes:

Each year the orgy of consumerism and spending that leads up to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays seems to increase. The amount of waste that Americans generate between Thanksgiving and the end of each year exceeds normal months by 25%. A Stanford University report indicates over one million TONS of trash are generated every holiday season!

If the entire amount of wrapping paper used each year could be recycled, it could cover 45,000 football fields! If every family could re-use their ribbons, 38,000 miles of ribbons could tie a bow around the entire planet! You may have noticed that I used the words “if it could”. Sadly, ribbons, glossy or foil wrapping papers, tissue paper, packing peanuts and styrofoam are not items that qualify for recycling! About 2.65 BILLION cards are sold each year, enough to cover a football field 10 stories tall! These statistics are truly tragic, in light of the fact that most people receive several gifts that they do not like or have no intention of using. The shipping process (via truck) of returning unwanted gifts releases about 16 Million metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. About 5.8 BILLION pounds of returned inventory ends up in landfills every year.

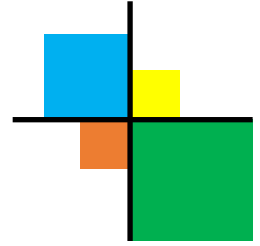
A six foot Christmas tree recycled at a landfill will produce 16 Kilos of carbon dioxide. A plastic tree will produce over 40 kilos. You would need to use an artificial tree for at least 12 years to make it a “sustainable” choice.

Gifts that carry the message of sustainability would be far more beneficial. If every American wrapped just three gifts in recyclable paper { think newspaper, comics, old maps, brown grocery bags, tea towels, bandanas, fabric scraps }, it would save enough paper to cover those 45,000 football fields! If you saved the fronts of your Christmas cards and used them as post cards next year, or as decorations on brown craft paper {grocery bags} for wrapping next year’s gifts the savings would make a difference.

**Suggestions:** A beautiful plant, bulbs or gift tree, subscriptions, a membership to a museum or an organization, tickets to an event, gift certificate to a spa day, or a cooking class ,a parking pass, donations to local food banks, homemade goodies, food, crafts or artwork ,a gift of your time as a volunteer.

For years, my personal favorites have been donations to honor someone via Heifer International or Water Missions International, for the gift of clean water in a disaster- ravaged area. Heifer trains poor families in animal (Continue)

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### Environmental

husbandry to help them provide food {eggs, cheese, honey, milk, etc.} for their own family and their community, Each of Heifer's donated animals require the recipient to give an offspring of that animal to someone else in need... thus multiplying the gift. Both of these organizations have stood the test of time and integrity for the use of their resources to help save lives all over the world. Donations can also be given to medical research in honor of a loved one. Instead of gifts that require batteries [containing lithium] consider alternatives, like a solar powered phone charger. Consider turning off all the lights to your outdoor lighting decorations on a timer. Don't leave the tree or outside lights on all night.

If each family in the U.S. reduced their travel destination by twenty miles or used one gallon less of gas, it could lead to millions of tons of reduced greenhouse gases.

Each of us can do something to help! The possibilities for sustainable gifting are only limited by your own imagination. "BE the change you want to see in the world!"

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### National Garden Week

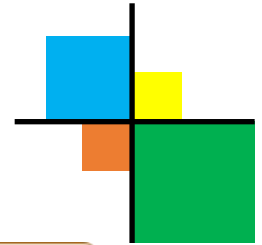
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Fall is here and what a beautiful time to plant bulbs that will bloom in the spring so that your gardens are ready for National Garden Week. Plant now and plan your celebration as June 2-8, 2024, will be here before you know it. Keep me posted on your plans and projects. There is an award for National Garden Week projects.

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Can you believe that there are only three months left in 2023? If your club has not donated to the Penny Pines project, please consider doing so soon in order that your donation can be counted in this awards year.

I imagine that if you have not begun thinking about Christmas gifts yet that you'll be adding that to your "To Do" list shortly. Why not give a Penny Pines Plantation in honor of someone special?

Your \$68 donation will provide approximately 200 seedlings to one our National Forests to help replant areas devastated by fires, insects, diseases, and natural disaster. You may designate the forest to which you wish the trees to be planted. In return, you will receive a letter of appreciation and a most beautiful certificate that names the person you wish to honor. It's a win win!

Download the donation form on the NGC website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org), select "Programs" and then select Penny Pines. The donation form and a check are sent to NGC Headquarters, or you may donate using the online link.

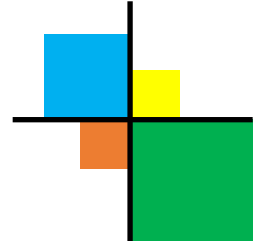
If you have any questions, please contact me at 540-977-1713 or at [tchokie@aol.com](mailto:tchokie@aol.com).

Janice Clem, Penny Pines Chairman



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Lifetime  
Membership

### SAR Life Membership

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The SAR Life Membership supports The Corrie Whitlock Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is open to a college sophomore or junior for use during the junior or senior year of college. Each state within the South Atlantic Region may submit one application to be in completion for the scholarship. Qualifying students must major in the study of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Pathology, Biology, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Concerns, City Planning, Land Management and/or allied subjects. To obtain SAR Membership, just complete an application and send to Dorothy Richardson, P. O. Box 14, Loris, SC 29569, SAR Life Member Chairman with a check for \$65.00. Please make check payable to SAR. All SAR Life Membership goes to the Corrie Whitlock Memorial Scholarship, which means that you can use the entire amount as a charitable deduction for tax purposes. You will also receive an SAR Life Membership pin.

Giving someone an SAR Life Membership is an excellent way to honor someone who has made a special contribution to your garden club, district, state or region. Or you may purchase one for yourself. Scholarship funds help young people complete their education.

**REMEMBER: LIFE MEMBERSHIPS=SCHOLARSHIPS**

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### SAR Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

Darene Honeycutt – SAR Contest Chair

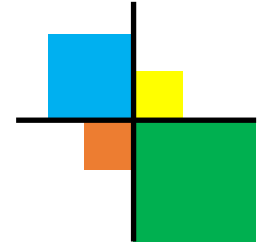
Who doesn't love a big ole teddy bear? Smokey Bear is one of the greatest and he celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday August 9, 2024. Wouldn't it be great to celebrate Smokey's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in Washington, D.C? Better yet, receive a free trip. Garden Club members need to spread the word that children grades 1-5 can enter The Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest and the Grand Prize winner receives a trip for four to the recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C. in the summer of 2024. The trip includes 4 days-3 nights; mileage and accommodations are provided. The Grand Prize winner also receives a trophy, certificate, and framed copy of the winning poster. All first prize winners for grades 1-5 receive a \$50 check from NGC.

Children do not have to be a member of a junior garden club to enter! This is an outreach program which may assist garden clubs in establishing new youth garden clubs. Reach out and share the information about the contest with schools; grades 1-5. Invite classroom teachers and art teachers to participate in the contest to also promote National Fire Prevention Week which is October 8-14, 2023 this year. October is designated as National Fire Prevention Month. Invite Smokey Bear and/or Woodsy Owl to visit your event. Contact your local/county forestry service to invite and schedule the mascots. Perhaps the school library could display the posters at a PTA meeting to gain exposure and recognition of the contest. Other ideas are to read The Story of Smokey Bear to the children and follow up with drawing the posters. Complete information and rules are posted on the NGC website. It is very important to adhere to these rules as Smokey and Woodsy have copyrights; correct colors are very important. Other groups to reach out to are Public Libraries for story time, Local Fire Departments (Auxiliary may host an event), Scout troops, After School Programs, 4-H Clubs, Home School Groups, Church youth groups, etc.



Deadlines to State Chairs is no later than January 20,2024. Deadline to SAR Chair from states is February 24, 2024. NGC recognized garden clubs must sponsor the posters and forward only the first place winners for each grade 1-5 to the state poster chair. State chairs judge the posters and mail their state first place winners to the SAR Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Chair: Darene Honeycutt, 167 Hudsonstown Road, Dunn, NC 28334. Emails: [honeycuttdarene@gmail.com](mailto:honeycuttdarene@gmail.com) or [honeycuttdarene@intrstar.ent](mailto:honeycuttdarene@intrstar.ent) for more information or questions. Winning posters are not returned as they become property of the U.S. Forrester Service. Note: There is only one winning 1<sup>st</sup> place poster for each grade level; not one for Smokey and one for Woodsy.

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Now is the time for State Scholarship Chairs to provide information to eligible students about the SAR Corrie Whitlock Scholarship. It is a \$1,000 Scholarship sent directly to the winner's school. (The number of scholarships to be awarded annually shall be determined by the Finance Committee.)

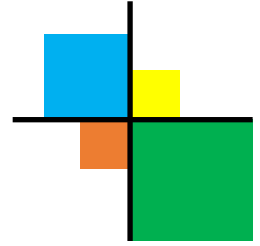
Scholarships are open to all college sophomores, juniors, or graduating seniors for use during their junior, senior

or graduate studies of college. Each state within the SAR may submit one application to be considered.

In order to apply, the student must be majoring in one of the following fields of study: Horticulture; Floriculture; Landscape Design; Botany; Plant Pathology; Biology; Forestry; Agronomy; Environmental Concerns; City Planning; Land Management and/or Allied Subjects.

Applications may be obtained from the SAR Scholarship Chair, SAR website, NGC website or from the Scholarship Chair of each state in the region. Send completed applications to the State Scholarship Chair by February 1. Each State Scholarship Chair must have their state winner's application to the SAR Scholarship Chair by March 1

# 2024 CONVENTION



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