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Dear Friends,

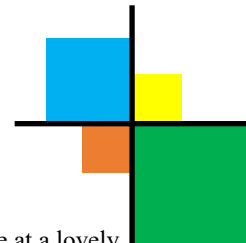
No doubt that summer is here! The heat is stifling at times. And the downpours are so welcome but then the humidity soars! Please make sure you and your family and pets stay hydrated.

Since the lovely SAR Convention in March, I have had the great pleasure of traveling to the state conventions of my own state of Kentucky, West Virginia, South Carolina, and Virginia. North Carolina had their convention at the same time as GCKY. It has been a spring of traveling, planning, writing, answering and sending emails, and phone calls. It seems that there is always garden club business. And now it is flower show season! I enjoy judging the creative designs and the beautiful horticulture entries with sweet, sweet fellow judges.

The two weeks after SAR was spent finalizing all the details for our GCKY Convention with convention co-chair Donna Smith. We were hoping just to break even knowing that non-installation years have lighter attendance. Many thanks to Boone Tavern, all our districts for helping promote attendance and providing Silent Auction items, and to our state leadership. Our small district could not have had such a successful convention without their participation.

A week and a half later, I was traveling to the state convention held at Glade Springs Resort in Daniels, WV. The fun night before the main business, workshops, and awards banquet the next day, had the theme, 'Hee Haw'. I pondered and pondered about what to wear and spent more time on my outfit than I did on my clothes for the next day when I spoke! It was such a fun thing to look forward to and everyone, including me, had a great time! What a fun way to unwind after a full day of meetings and a fun way to promote attendance.

Carcille C. Burchette 2023-2025 Director



Four days later I was headed to Columbia, SC, where I was honored along with GCSC President David Stoudenmire at a lovely reception held in their Memorial Garden that adjoins the governor's mansion. Everything was perfect, from the just picked strawberries to the weather and the garden. This garden beautifully represents his theme, 'Legacy Gardening'. A lovely dinner with several members and officers was the perfect ending to the evening. I was the key note speaker the next fast paced day at the Riverbanks Botanical Garden.

Nearly a week later, I traveled to the Boar's Head Resort in Charlottesville, VA, to speak at their convention. I attended their business meetings and enjoyed the fellowship both inside and outside the meetings. They had fabulous vendors that kept the members shopping. Several lovely honor designs were on display. And how nice is it to get to see a flower show between meetings and workshops? I know how much extra effort it takes to have a flower show along with a state convention but what a wonderful addition it is to a yearly convention!

After attending four of the five SAR state conventions, I can say they all have common threads yet were quite different. Each state has its own way of taking care of business while socializing and educating its members. Some lasted only a day while others lasted as many as three days. All extended such gracious southern hospitality to me. I enjoyed meeting many garden club members and putting faces to names I had met through emails and phone calls. It was such an honor to be asked to speak at each of the conventions.

I was headed to the NGC Convention in Westminster, just outside of Denver, less than two weeks later. SAR was well represented. It was a nice convention with several educational and interesting workshops. As pretty as the distant mountains, I am still glad to live in our SAR where greenery abounds, and we have mountains, too!

The NGC Essay Contest is back! I know our SAR state presidents and essay chairpersons are happy, especially since the decision was made last year to continue with the SAR Essay Contest. The SAR Bylaws Review committee and Fundraising Committee will meet soon as SAR strives to prepare for a promising future. It is the next generation of earth protectors and gardeners that we need to nurture. We all can help nurture the next generation by honoring someone, whether a garden club member or not, with and SAR Life Membership. The funds go toward our SAR Scholarships. Ms. Dorothy Richardson will gladly take care of your applications.

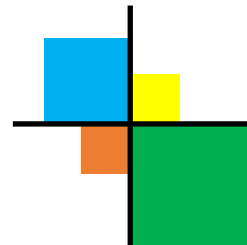
Have a wonderful summer. Enjoy the fresh fruit and vegetables, the lovely flowers and greenery, flower shows and tours. Remember to plant natives and plant seeds for new clubs and invite, invite, invite!

Members Enjoying the 2024 NGC Convention





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The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.
Susan Throneberry
Theme: "Go Green...Plant Kentucky!
Plant Kindness and Beauty, Harvest a Garden of
Friends."

Rogers and Hammerstein must have been gardeners when they wrote "June Is Bustin' Out All Over" because June is always a busy, busy month for GCKY members. The first full week of June is always National Garden Club Week and that week in 2024 was especially exceptional at the National Garden Club Convention held in Denver, CO. Kentucky was well represented and the venue was lovely, the programs were interesting and educational and workshops allowed attendees to see the Denver Botanical Garden and Butterfly Pavilion. The views were spectacular and we could see the Rocky Mountains from our hotel windows!

National Garden Club offered an opportunity for each state to be represented on the NGC Headquarters "Path of Success". Kentucky will be represented by a state paver and we encourage our members to purchase individual pavers to honor or remember a friend or family member.

This summer in Kentucky, there have been a flurry of garden tours, flower shows, club meetings, Blue Star and Gold Star dedications, a Kentucky Judges Council Symposium in August, as well as Kelly Long, "The Southern Monarch" from Greer, South Carolina presenting along with a book signing by Jon Carloftis at our Headquarters in Paris July 17th hosted by the GCKY officers. Members can keep up with current and upcoming events by checking our "Events" tab on the revamped Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. webpage and find needed resources quickly.

The Fall District Meetings begin on October 15, 2024 and the officers will caravan across the state from far western Mayfield to Pikeville in the east. We will spend the week attending and meeting the most important folks who make up the GCKY - our members! We encourage everyone to attend those meetings, enjoy the day and meet new friends as they learn what is happening in the clubs which make up our five Districts.

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

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The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
Linda McLendon ,



In North Carolina, we are enjoying this beautiful summertime season and enjoying our ever-blooming, beautifully fragrant, flowering flowers, shrubs, and trees. It is amazing to see, smell and feel them in all their glory.

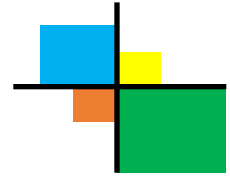
We have certainly been busy this time of year by attending the dedication of five (5) Blue and Gold Star Memorial Markers. These Markers were placed in all parts of North Carolina from as far away as Marsville, NC (edge of the Tennessee State Line Border.) to one being placed in Fayetteville, NC. We have several more to be dedicated later this year. I cannot tell you how Proud and Honored I felt attending these dedications where our service men and women made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our country. Our State Blue and Gold Star Chair, Paula Hartman, does an outstanding job recruiting.

WE had 10 Garden Club Members to attend the SAR (South Atlantic Region) Conference in Columbia, South Carolina. We enjoyed the Programs and Workshops very much. while sitting in the business sessions we learned so much about what was happening in our Region and States.

We also had 6 Garden Club Members enjoying our NGC (National Garden Club, Inc.) Convention in Denver, Colorado. I enjoyed the Lavender workshop where we made Lavender sachets and Lavender scrub. The Business meeting was highly informative and productive. The Programs, workshops, and Vendors were a delight as well.

We are eagerly awaiting hosting the 2025 SAR (South Atlantic Region) Conference on March 9-10, 2025. Lots of wonderful plans are being planned currently. So, SAVE THE DATE and mark it on your Calendar so you will not forget it. We are looking forward to hosting this special event and looking to have a great turnout, so please try to make it. I can assure you that you will have a good, informative, fun time for sure. Enjoy the summer and do not forget to smell the Roses! Thank you,

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The Garden Club of South Carolina.
David E. Stoudenmire, Jr. , President
Theme: “Legacy Gardening” Past - Present - Future ”

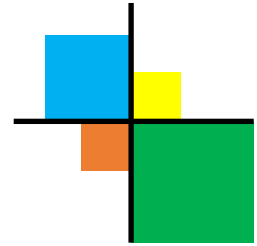
This year, South Carolina hosted the Garden Club of South Carolina State Meeting as is tradition in our state capital, Columbia. Board of Directors arrived for their meeting on Wednesday April 24, 2024. After a fast-paced business session., BOD members and guests prepared to attend the Vice Presidents’ Reception honoring our SAR Director Carcille Burchette and GCSC President David Stoudenmire, Jr. The lovely afternoon reception was hosted in GCSC’s Memorial Garden adjacent to the Governor’s Mansion Grounds. What a delightful afternoon of great fellowship in this historic garden owned by GCSC. Excellent food and drinks were enjoyed in the gardens on beautifully decorated line covered tables with silver wine coolers laden with beautiful white orchids! All too soon the reception was over and GCSC hosted a dinner for Carcille and David at “Saluda’s” that evening. Jan Burch, 2nd Vice President and Convention Chairman And committee throughout both days, left no stone unturned. Truly both days were well planned and executed!

The next day brought out over a hundred GCSC members, numerous honored guests which especially highlighted our 2024 Scholarship and Essay Contest Recipients and their parents. We were reminded of our garden club friends that had passed since last year’s convention in a moving Memorial Service lead by our GCSC Chaplain, Mary Rivers. Special presentations were made throughout the day that highlighted various partnership GCSC is involved in. Reports from the officers, district directors, and committee chairmen told the story of an active organization the previous year and with plans for even more in 24-25. Business was conducted efficiently with our 1st Vice President, Betty Jackson bringing recommendations from our Finance and Bylaws Committees. Especially exciting during the General Business Meeting was the introduction of our new clubs and affiliate members that had joined the GCSC Family under the direction of Membership Chairman, Tara Ranson. During lunch hour, Carcille Burchette, was introduced by our very own NGC Vice President, Donna Donnelly. Carcille addressed our attendees and enlightened us with her passion and dedication to our gardening club federation. Our Scholarship chairman, Sandy Barker told a delighted audience about our scholarship selection process and the well deserving individuals. A number were present with family members to be recognized and some were on senior trips, etc. and could not be present.

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The Garden Club of South Carolina.

David E. Stoudenmire, Jr. , President

Theme: "Legacy Gardening" Past - Present - Future "

To round out our program, excitement built as 3rd Vice President, Sandie Duerksen, introduced the 2024 State Awards and Winners. Along with our club awards, Juried Art Awards were presented by Sherri Bardsley. What an awesome time we had celebrating with our clubs and the work that is being accomplished across South Carolina in areas such as Civic Beautification, Garden Therapy, Horticulture, Floral Design, etc

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2025 Local Convention Chairman, Mary Ann Kirby issued the invitation from East Piedmont District to join us April 28-30, 2025, at The Embassy Suites on Verdae in Greenville. It is hard to believe half of this Administration is now completed!

Excitement in our state grows daily as our very own former president of GCSC 2017-2019, Donna Donnelly, has become President Elect at the June NGC Convention that was just held in Denver. South Carolina will be honored to host the NGC Convention in the Palmetto State as we honor Donna as only our third former state president to ascend to the office of National Garden Clubs President. Donna and Harold Donnelly, Linda Howle, Betty Jackson, and I were honored to attend this year's convention. What a great time building new friendships and renewing old ones.

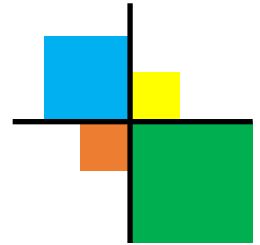
The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. was greatly saddened to wake up Friday morning, June 14th to the news that former GCSC President, 1999-2001, active Driftwood Garden Club member since 1966, Former Coastal Director, GCSC Golden Circle member, former SAR Director and member of SAR and NGC Board of Directors, Emily Floyd Stephens made her final journey crossing that heavenly divide into the most beautiful garden any of us could ever imagine. Emily was a true friend with all she new and always demonstrated the remarkable traits of a "True Southern Lady." I know all that ever met Emily, will smile upon thinking about her even while a tear may well up in your eye as we ponder our blessings of these friends.

Our seven (7) Garden Club Districts yearly holds their Summer Presidents Meeting in which they receive training, information and share strategies among their district These have just begun and are off to a wonderful start. Sunday, June 16th, I have the honor of attending the opening of our Conservation Camp, Camp Wildwood. We are excited and amazed each year at the wonderful young people attending this leadership conversation camp in our Upstate.

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The Garden Club of Virginia, Inc.
Val Storie, President
Theme: Every Person Makes A Difference

Hello From Virginia,

The SAR Convention in Greenville, South Carolina was grand. Thank you to the Garden Clubs of South Carolina. This was a good time to renew acquaintances and to meet new ones.

Recently, the club presidents have been sending their reports to the District Presidents and to me. This is a great time to see what the clubs are doing, their programs, fundraisers and how they are retaining and gaining new members. I really appreciate all the club involvement.

Many clubs have asked for a list of programs for their meetings. This will be a goal, to have a list of programs email to club presidents and to have on the VFGC Web site.

District meetings are taking place in April, always a good time to travel around the State (Commonwealth), visiting the meetings and meeting the members. A few districts are having flower shows, which is a real treat. I am a true believer in Flower Shows.

I recently attended the Flower Show School in Norfolk, Virginia. What a treat, I always learn something and enjoy the horticulture and design discussions.

Technology is a real thing, but not all garden club members want to go digital, **online, web sites, etc.** Virginia is experiencing some of these growing pains. But many are supportive and see the rationale for such changes.

Our Convention is in May, with a variety of speakers, vendors and programs. We look forward to the venue at Boar's Head Resort in Charlottesville...a great area.

Do remember "everyone makes a difference and all of you do too".

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The Garden Club of West Virginia, Inc.

Martha Hilton, President

Theme: "Go Green,, Grow With the Flow"



West Virginia Highlights

It was an amazing trip to Denver! We took in a number of local sites including the Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs – just fabulous. So wonderful to be able to meet so many from Colorado as well as from across the country. Thank you to all who worked on this event as you did a wonderful job!

West Virginia Garden Clubs completed their year with the Wildflower Pilgrimage tour that I mentioned in the previous issue. We missed having Brenda Moore but she was busy working for you! Local garden clubs had home and garden tours throughout the month of June with thousands visiting our local towns

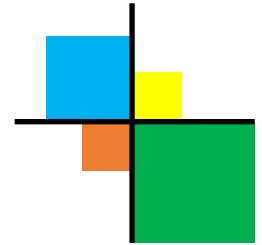
Our Fall Board meeting as well as District Meetings will start in September with our State Board meeting in Morgantown – home of the Mountaineers! Our Garden clubs will also be busy in the coming months with a variety of events such as the WV State Fair in Fairlea, Black Walnut Festival in Spencer, Taste of Our Town (TOOT) in Lewisburg, Bridge Day in Fayetteville and so many others that bring visitors to our great state – we hope you'll come visit!

We'll start planning shortly for our convention to honor those who will be taking on the roles of leadership in 2025 – we've found that dividing the duties among the Districts has made the event much easier for all to enjoy. We also will be getting our clubs to submit for awards for all of the great work that they have accomplished over the last several months – as always Garden Club Members are a force!!

Here's hoping that you have had a wonderful summer and that the coming fall season brings you a bounty of friendship and joy as you work with your fellow members.

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BIRDS

“Hurray! Summer is Here!”

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Summer is here and with it comes vacations whether trips take you to the mountains, big cities or where they may.

Right now, in my mind, it travels to the coast and walks on the beach, people watching and bird watching. I love to watch the American Oystercatchers, Royal Tern and Black Skimmer nesting and skimming along the beach and ocean at the south end of Wrightsville Beach Island.

There are a number of ways to get involved with Audubon North Carolina on the Coast. You can join the local Cape Fear Audubon Chapter or you can volunteer with the Wrightsville Beach Stewards, a volunteer crew that educates visitors about beach-nesting birds on the south end of Wrightsville Beach.

Why should you not feed the gulls at the beach? Feeding birds can lead to an unnaturally higher number of gulls or crows, which are species that prey on other birds' young and eggs, including Piping Plovers, Black Skimmers, and terns. It can also create behavioral problems in the birds, which can lose their fear of humans and become aggressive.

Most birds that nest in beach habitats nest directly on the sand. They make a simple bowl-like depression called a “scrape” which serves as their nest. Because surface temperatures can often exceed 100F, they spend much of their time shading eggs and young chicks, making them vulnerable to human disturbance. Nesting areas are roped off during the breeding season (usually April through August) in order to create a safe buffer between hard-working bird parents and sources of disturbances.

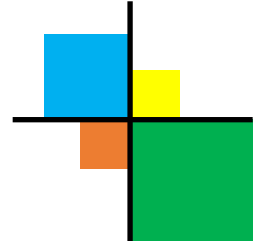
When a threat (such as humans or dogs) is too close, adult birds take flight to mob the perceived attacker or to flee the danger. This leaves eggs and chicks unprotected and vulnerable on many fronts. Being left unshaded by a parent for even a short time can cause temperature stress that kills eggs or chicks, and without a parent nearby, predators like gulls and crows can swoop in. Of course, direct harm is also possible, such as people stepping on well-camouflaged eggs or chicks, or dogs chasing adults or chicks. Finally, chronic disturbance from human recreation or other sources can cause parent birds to abandon eggs or chicks. Protecting nesting areas provides birds with safe habitat to nest in and offer opportunities for people to view wildlife at the beach!

I speak of only one place. You will find this wherever you travel. We have to look after our wildlife so that we can enjoy it and future generations can enjoy it.

I hope that you all will have a pleasant, peaceful, safe summer!!

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Children's Gardens/School Gardens

Chairman Eaton, Glenda

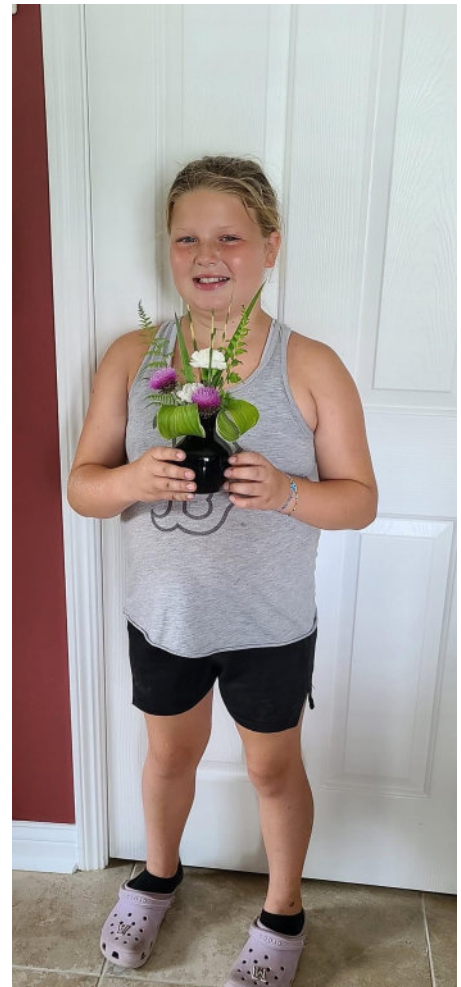
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Glasgow Garden Club a member of Cardinal Council of Bowling Green held a workshop to prepare Jr. Garden Club on Flower Design in preparation to entering their designs in "Nursery Rhymes Remembered". The kids went through my garden choosing which plants they wanted to use in their designs. They were shown how to pick the best looking specimen for the design. They were amazing to watch and were super excited when they got the news of what place their design received. Pictured is one of the girls that won 1st place for her design. Hopefully this will get interest in entering shows even at the county fairs.



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Gardening Schools Report



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We currently do not have any Gardening Schools scheduled within SAR States.

There has been discussion with states, nothing developed at this time.

While we are all dealing with this extreme heat and our gardens are all suffering and begging for water. This is an exciting time while it is so hot outside to take enroll and support the NGC Schools. Look on the NGC Website, Calendar and you will see Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Schools listed.

There is something for everyone, where it be Zoom, Hybrid or in-person schools.

Take this opportunity to gain experience and grow, share with your clubs and community.

Collaborate with your local schools and youth to establish Gardens. It will be one of the most rewarding times of your life.

If I can help you in any way with school questions just let me know.

Happy Gardening.



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Environmental Education – : Eating to Save the Environment

Karen Prewitt: SAR Chairman
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This summer's off-the-charts extreme heat wave in the Southwest, and recent rain bombs in south Florida have made us acutely aware that our weather is greatly affected by our carbon footprint. In recent years we have seen an increasing number of articles written about greenhouse gases and how CO₂ is affecting climate change.

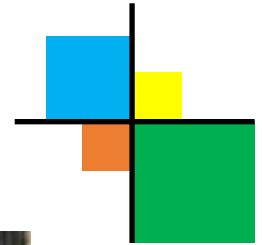
I am always looking for new sources of information to share with you, and this week's *Wall Street Journal* printed two articles that I found noteworthy. The first, by Eric Niller, discussed the probability of future cut backs in food choices made necessary by the reduction of farmland needed to raise crops and livestock. Farmers are facing serious pressure to reduce their carbon footprint while still meeting consumer demands.

Scientists are now able to compute the amount of greenhouse gases emitted to produce each food source. Sadly, cows are the biggest environmental offenders, emitting 72.75 pounds of carbon into the atmosphere for *each* pound of beef produced! In contrast, the production of eggs creates 8.25 pounds. Scientists at Tulane and the University of Michigan are now studying alternative food choices that are rich in protein and have less impact on the environment. They are predicting fewer cornfields, pig pens and cow pastures in our future. Niller's article proposed several alternate high protein options. A. Mushrooms: Commercially grown mushrooms don't require much land, and are in fact raised indoors using a fraction of the water needed to raise fruits and vegetables on land. B. Lentils: (peanuts/beans) are very rich in protein and can help reduce the need for livestock. Lentils can be grown in a variety of climates and soil types and don't require nitrogen fertilizers or large amounts of water. C. Oysters: are a plus-plus option for a source of protein and environmental protection. They can filter in excess of 50 gallons of water a day, providing a healthy ecosystem for sea grasses that absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. D. I am not going to share with you Niller's suggestions about edible insects! Ugh!

The second article this week in WSJ about environmental issues was about the impact that over-zealous washing of our clothes has on the environment. Consumers are not educated about how to take care of clothing, and that is why companies invariably include "dry clean only" tags on most clothing. As an interior design major I was required to take courses in textile chemistry and textile testing for my degree and I learned that dry cleaning of fabrics can be reduced more than half, just by occasional spot cleaning and air drying. It is worth checking out an alternative product (RetroClean.com). Not included in this article was the fact that over-washing of fabrics is putting microscopic pieces of synthetics into our drinking water and oceans where they end up in our seafood. The real eye opener of this article was the use of a fine mist of vodka for freshening up clothing. This jewel of information came from a video claiming that the Dutch National Opera and Ballet Company use this method to freshen up costumes between performances! Vodka gently kills odor causing bacteria. Who Knew? You too can help!

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HORTICULTURE REPORT

SAR Horticulture State Chairmen:

Kentucky Sue Kirkman

Virginia Martie Parch

West Virginia Ronda Kinder

North Carolina Polly Kopka

South Carolina Karen Oliver



Since March of 2024:

I attended my District Meeting, the SAR Convention, the Kentucky State Convention, and the NGC Annual Convention in Denver. I attended 4 NGC Executive Committee Zoom Meetings. I attended every monthly Master Gardener and Laurel Oak Garden Club meeting.

I graduated from my Class IV Flower Show Judges School in Marietta Georgia. I scored an 86 on my required Flower Show School Schedule test. I received a 90+ on my Multi Rhythm design in a Flower Show in Marietta Georgia. I received a Blue Ribbon and a Designer's Choice award for my Parallel Design in a Flower Show in Bowling Green Kentucky. I Co-Chaired and judged my Flower Show in Paducah Kentucky. I judged a Flower Show in Bowling Green Kentucky, Burlington Kentucky, Lexington Kentucky and I will judge a Show in Versailles Kentucky in July. That show will be the last judging credit I need to become an Accredited Flower Show Judge.

I taped 3 TV shows about Horticulture. I did a program on Plants from Cuttings at the Posh Home and Garden Show in Paducah Kentucky. I met with the Director of the West Park HMO and helped her design their landscape. I did a program on Container Gardening at the Lakes Assisted Living in Paducah Kentucky.

I put on 4 free gardening programs open to the public at the McCracken County Extension Office since March.

Bud Qualk

NGC Corresponding Secretary

SAR Horticulture Chairman

GCofKY Arboriculture Chairman

GCofKY Disaster RE-LEAF Chairman

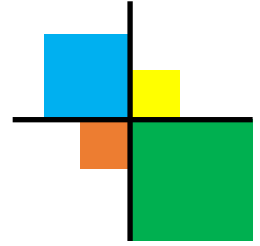
GCofKY National Disaster Grant committee Chairman

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LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Dorothy Richardson, SAR Life Memberships Chairman

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The SAR Life Membership supports The Corrie Whitlock Memorial Scholarship. The 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 competition for the scholarship.

Giving someone a life membership is an excellent way to honor someone who has made a special contribution to your garden club, district, state or region.

I would like to encourage each one to purchase a life membership and also encourage your clubs to purchase one. SAR Memberships are \$65.00. This scholarship would help students further their education.

If you need an application please let me know.

I would like to thank each one that purchased a life membership.

REMEMBER: LIFE MEMBERSHIPS =SCHOLARSHIPS

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

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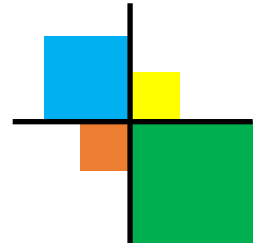
National Garden Week will be June 1 – 7, 2025.

Hopefully there will be many special projects during National Garden Week this year.

Let me know about your projects for National Garden Week and I would love pictures.

By sharing these projects with other clubs, it may encourage them to have a special project next year.

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\Congratulations to SAR members for your TREEmendous support of the Penny Pines program in the first year of the 2023-2025 administration. Let's continue sending contributions for this worthy project to keep our National Forests beautiful.

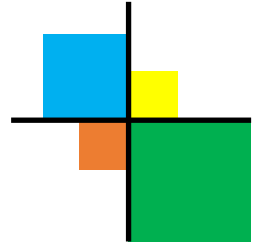
Collect loose change and bills to reach \$68.00 for each Penny Pines Plantation. Then download the donation form from the NGC website and send it along with your check. If you would like a certificate in honor of a special person or in memory of someone, just designate that on the donation form. You may also designate a specific national forest or a state to which you want the donation sent. And please remember to share with both your State Penny Pines chairman and this chairman, your donations so we can keep a record in order to determine this year's award winners.

Working together, we can top our contribution of \$12,104 of last year.



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The 2024 SAR Scholarship Recipient

Ashleigh Mann, a student at Longwood University, Farmville, Virginia, and our SAR (\$1500) Scholarship winner was a guest at the VFGC Convention in Charlottesville.

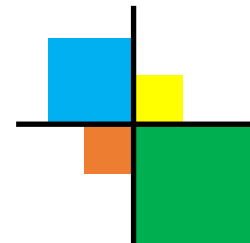
Members were delighted to meet Ashleigh, an Environmental Science major whose goal is to become an Environmental Researcher. She has already been involved in significant research, using her studies and projects of worthwhile information to benefit residents within the Farmville area. She conducted an independent research project in which she sought to evaluate the concentrations of pollutants in the atmosphere resulting from diesel vehicle emissions. This became one of ten research projects highlighted by Longwood University. She enjoys sharing her research findings.

Ashleigh is so grateful to garden club members who would provide scholarships for her. She was overcome with emotion and tears of gratitude at being introduced as the VFGC and SAR Scholarship recipient. (She was later announced as an NGC Scholarship recipient at National Convention.) She appreciated actually getting to meet people who cared about her education and the fact that she is “putting herself through school”. Ashleigh expressed a desire to learn more about garden clubs and how to become a member in the future.

All of us can be proud of the scholarship support that SAR provides for students such as Ashleigh Mann. If your state is fortunate enough to have an SAR Scholarship recipient, invite the student to your state convention to meet and greet those who provide scholarship funding. There is no doubt that the result of such exposure to garden clubs will be worthwhile to our programs, with an added boost to garden club scholarships at all levels.

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The Corrie Whitlock Memorial Scholarship From The National Garden Club's South Atlantic Region (SAR)

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is open to a college sophomore or junior for use during the junior or senior year of college. Each state garden club organization within the South Atlantic Region (Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia) may submit one application to be in competition for the scholarship. A qualified student is one who is 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. The scholarship amount (\$1,000 or \$2,000) will be determined by the SAR Board of Directors, and the recipient will be announced at the SAR annual convention in March.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: The SAR Scholarship Application Form is the same as for National Garden Club Scholarships. Go to www.gardenclub.org/collegescholarships. Follow instructions to complete the application and send with all its components to your Garden Club STATE SCHOLARSHIP Chairman. Completed applications **must be received by the respective state SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN BY FEBRUARY 1. EACH STATE'S best application must come to the REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN BY MARCH 1.**

Applications will be judged on the following scale:

Academic Record.....40%
Need.....30%
Character.....10%
Commitment to Career..... 15%
Variety of Avocation.....5%

If the recipient maintains a "B" average, he/she may reapply each year during their college career.

SAR SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN

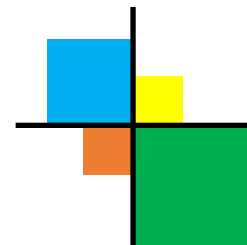
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Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Winners

The South Atlantic Region is proud to announce the SAR winners of the contest as follows:

1st Grade: Bianco Delgado of Virginia, Sponsor: Sleepy Hollow Garden Club

2nd Grade: Emma Garrett of Kentucky, Sponsor: Glassgow Garden Club

3rd Grade: Emma Serey of Kentucky, Sponsor: Boone County Garden Club

4th Grade: Bea Lawrence of Virginia, Sponsor: Southside Garden Club

5th Grade: Asha Kuchibhatla of Virginia, Sponsor: Merrifields Garden Club

Winners were announced at the 2024 SAR Convention in South Carolina. These winners received blue ribbons and a certificate. SAR did not have any poster entries forwarded to National Garden Clubs, Inc. due to rule violations. When assisting children with this contest, please download the rules and go over them with the children. Correct paper size and correct colors are required of the National Forrester Service who co-sponsors the contest. National 1st place winners receive \$50 from NGC. The grand prize winner receives a trip to the Washington, D.C. for four to include mileage and lodging (4 days/3 nights) for the recognition ceremony. Winner also receives a trophy, certificate, and a framed copy of their winning poster.

It is not too early to start planning for next year. Consider hosting a poster contest workshop at a local library, 4-H summer camp, afterschool program, scouts, etc. Display posters and have a local competition to promote the contest further. Partner with your local fire department and State Forestry Service and invite Smokey Bear to attend. This contest is an Outreach Program; not limited to youth garden club members. Hopefully, new youth garden clubs will be established from this program. *Use Facebook and other social media to promote the contest.

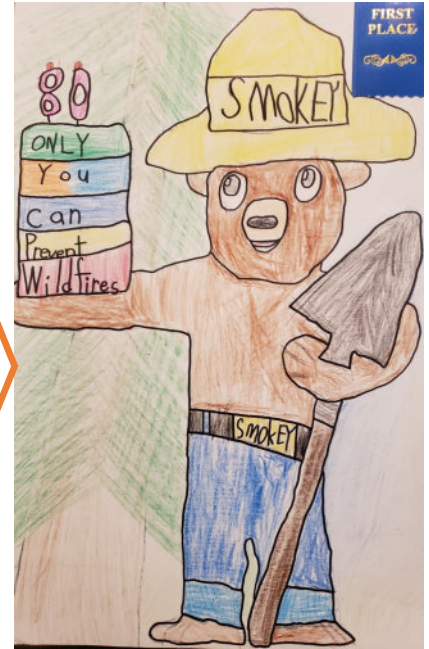
Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Winners



SAR Winner 1st Grade: Bianco Delgado
Thelma Crenshaw Elementary School,
Virginia
Sponsor: Sleepy Hollow Garden Club



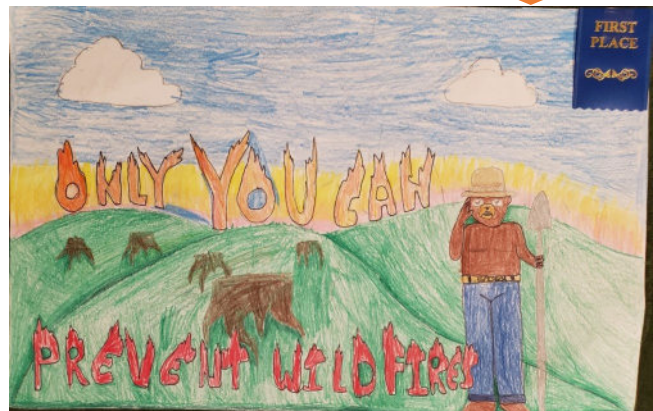
SAR Winner 3rd Grade: Emma Serey
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Kentucky
Sponsor: Boone County Garden Club



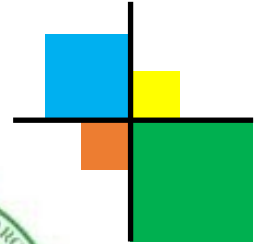
SAR Winner 2nd Grade: Emma Garrett
Barrens Finney Homeschool, Kentucky
Sponsor: Glasgow Garden Club

SAR Winner 5th Grade: Asha Kuchibhatla
Public Library, Virginia
Sponsor: Merrifields Garden Club

SAR Winner 4th Grade: Bea Lawrence
Blackburns New School, Virginia
Sponsor: Southside Garden Club



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