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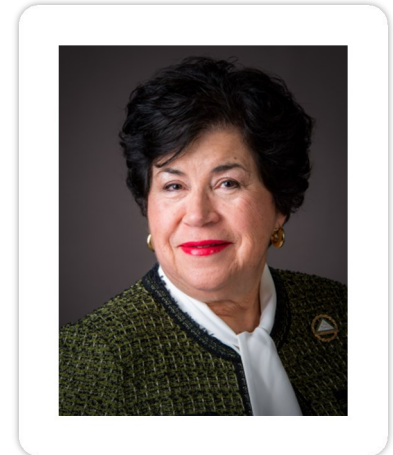
Remember to Plant America!

Go Green...Plant Natives!

And Plant Seeds For New Clubs!

My daughter and I traveled to far eastern Kentucky to meet with ladies in the new Appalachian Roots GC to help finalize plans for the fall state district meeting in our Mountain Laurel District. Such beautiful mountains! We both noted that fall is definitely in the air after seeing lots of leaves start to turn. Fall is usually the driest season for us, but western Kentucky needs rain. Several of our SAR states have had more than their share the last few months. Clean up after flooding is horrific-just in case you have been so fortunate to never have to experience it.

After the NGC Convention, I have attended NGC Executive Committee meetings, the pre-fall board meeting and the NGC Fall Board Meeting, all by zoom. Do I prefer zooming over an in-person meeting? Not even close, but the ability to meet by zoom has been a wonderful substitute, allowing members who live so far away to meet and participate. I had already registered to attend the fall board meeting at NGC Headquarters but important conflicts came up that prevented me from taking at least two days of travel time. Sometimes, change is good, sometimes necessary. Hats off to all of our older members-including me-who are willing to try something new, especially if it can improve our lives. Communication, participation, and socialization help keep members healthy.



Even as spring included lots of traveling, planning, writing, answering and sending emails, and phone calls, the summer months did, too. I know that there have been many district meetings across the SAR states and more in the next couple of months. It seems that there is always garden club business, and now states are making preparations for their 2025 Conventions. North Carolina will also host the 2025 SAR Convention in Raleigh. I have been in discussions with the two lovely convention chairs who, along with their faithful committee members, are working diligently to make the convention a special one! Please make efforts to attend all the meetings and conventions that you can. So much work and time and money go into making them successful, but it is the comradery that is so long lasting. Ideas are shared and good times with new friends and 'old' friends become special memories.

I have thoroughly enjoyed judging several flower shows this season. It is amazing to see the creativity come alive in the designs and the beautiful horticulture entries that make me want to plant one of each. It is so

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2023-2025 Director

enjoyable to be with sweet fellow judges. I will be honest with you...I think flower show judges are borderline hoarders. It is so good to know others are like me...that I can tell my family, yes, there are others like me who get excited when they see an item that can be repurposed for a design exhibit. My great mother would be proud.

Our flower show judges' council symposium in northern Kentucky was a huge success! The venue and everything else was tops! We had participants from several surrounding states...again, another learning opportunity and another socializing opportunity. My long term goal is to complete all the schools in the future. Please encourage your friends and new members to enroll in one of the schools. I bet it won't be their last.

And as fall approaches, that means award application season will be here soon for your state, SAR and NGC awards! Help make this a bumper crop by encouraging all clubs to submit at least one application.

Don't forget that individuals or clubs can honor someone, whether a garden club member or not, with SAR Life Membership. The funds go toward our SAR Scholarships. Ms. Dorothy Richardson will gladly take care of your applications. She loves to send out the nice Life Membership Pin along with a card...she is very passionate about her role because she knows that providing young people with scholarships will help care for our world in the future.

Enjoy the beautiful weather! Remember to plant natives and plant seeds for new clubs!

A SPECIAL NOTE

So many of our fellow garden club members, families, friends, and neighbors have been impacted in one way or another by Hurricane Helene. The pictures have been horrific, but I am told they still don't capture the true situation. This has been a life changing event for many in our South Atlantic Region states as well as Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida. Landscapes will be altered forever and businesses and residents will no longer remain where they once called home. It will take years and lots of money to help them. I know you want to donate toward the aid and recovery efforts to a legitimate organization.

This information is from Cathy Franklin-Griffin who is District 1 and District 2 Director in western North Carolina. She has been an advocate for letting people where to donate and keeping them updated.

Please donate to an approved, credible source with Boots on the Ground such as: Samaritan's Purse, Salvation Army, Operation Airdrop, Operation Helo (www.operationhelo.org), Cajun Navy. There are others, as well.'

She cautioned to be aware of scams. One recent SCAM is for rebuilding Lake Lure Flowering Bridge and Rainbow Bridge. Go to official Facebook pages and websites for updates-not emails, texts, or mailings that you may receive.

Thanking you for all the prayers and donations for the families, aid and recovery workers,

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."

It's hard to believe it's time for us to recall James Whitcomb Riley's poem, "When the Frost is on the Punkin" while the temperatures remain in the 90's in Kentucky. Our gardens are still requiring watering and remain in bloom, but as I drove across Western Kentucky September 12th, farming families were harvesting pumpkins! We know Fall is on the way!

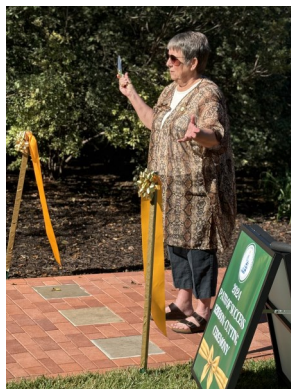
Kentucky has five districts, and those five Fall District meetings are all held in one week during October. The GCKY Officers caravan across the state in those five days meeting old and new friends, enjoying great food and learning about our clubs and their members. Every club has their own personality that shines as they share their many projects, ideas and hospitality. The time spent together is a great team building opportunity for the officers too! This year is an installation year for the District officers and they are welcomed as leaders for those clubs in The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.

In person and virtual schools have offered our members opportunities to attend NGC schools and the Kentucky Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges Symposium was held in Burlington, Kentucky in August. "The Kentucky Garden Café" instructors were Sue Kirkman and Julia Clevett who taught horticulture and design.

Two Blue Star Dedications and one Gold Star Marker Dedication were held in July, October and November. Those markers are lasting reminders as GCKY honors all men and women that served, are serving and will serve in the United States Armed Services.

The Garden Club of Kentucky is represented at the National Garden Club Headquarters in the Path of Success in St. Louis with a state section paver. This president was honored to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at St. Louis on September 19th followed by the NGC Fall Meeting.

We invite our fellow Garden Club friends to visit our Kentucky Headquarters in Paris, Kentucky at 616 Pleasant Street located on four beautiful acres which also boasts an Arboretum. Regardless of the season, you'll enjoy the beauty of The Bluegrass State.



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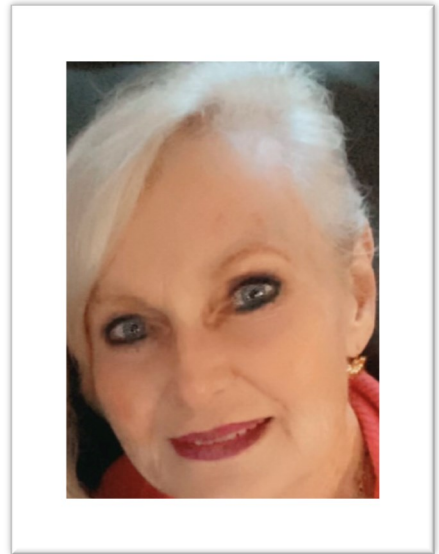
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The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.

Linda McLendon ,

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



Fall is finally here in North Carolina and the weather is finally cooling things down a bit. The leaves are showing their brilliant colors. People all over the state are heading to the mountains to see the beautiful array of fall colored leaves and the beautiful scenery.

Charles and I attended the National Garden Club Fall Board Meeting this past week in St. Louis, Missouri. We enjoyed the meeting and got to see many of our friends and to make new acquaintances. We enjoyed being there for the “path of success” dedication and to see Brenda, our NGC President, cut the ribbon. It was wonderful being part of history in the making. It was exciting looking for our garden Club of North Carolina Paver. I was also able to locate our North Carolina members who purchased a paver, as well as locating my own personal paver, I had to take a picture standing in front of mine. How proud I was standing there.

The NC Garden Club officers are busy planning and preparing for our (5) five District tours in the very near future. We are excited and look forward to meeting with the members. The meetings are all so much fun and informative.

North Carolina is looking forward to hosting the South Atlantic Region Convention in March 2025. We are very busy planning and preparing for this opportunity to show everyone our southern hospitality.

The garden club of North Carolina, Inc. will be one hundred years old in May of 2025. It is going to be a big birthday celebration, and we look forward to having a big turnout for this event.

We have a lot going on, but we look forward to the future and are always hoping to do our very best to do a good job. Hope to see you at our South Atlantic Region Convention in March, 2025.

“If you see someone without a smile, give them yours.”

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Dear SAR Members,

Truly, a great deal of work has taken place over this "Summer Vacation Time" throughout our local clubs, councils, districts, and state committees. I would like to



The Garden Club of South Carolina.

David E. Stoudenmire, Jr., President

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

share with you some of the activities I have had the pleasure of witnessing during these busy summer months for GCSC.

site 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!

- Have attended and presented at all the 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 web-

• As was the case last year, we had members of the Board of Directors that have passed. Golden Circle Member, former *SC Gardener Editor*, and floral design expert, Irma Trailkill passed on June 11th at 98. Our beloved former President Emily Stephens, 1999-2001, SAR Director, Member of SAR and NGC Boards, Golden Circle Member and Floral Design Expert/Judge passed on June 13th at 94. GCSC will forever be stronger and better because of these ladies just as so many others have been before. I had the privilege to speak at Emily's funeral and to express GCSC's appreciation to her sons, Michael and Lucian, our appreciation for sharing their mother all through the years to the Garden Club Federation.

• As the month of August entered, I was amazed with the Club and Council Yearbooks that arrived at my home. As of this writing my counter is boasting of yearbooks from all over the state.. Over 100 printed and some electronically sent are here. Planning is going on for a number of events this fall, so stay tuned for announcements of GCSC's Veterans Day Program, Arbor Day Ceremony, State Christmas Tree Lighting and many others. Let's all commit to attend as many of these programs to show South Carolina is truly "the force for good" the Garden Club of SC mission states.

• GCSC held its Memorial Day service at our Memorial Garden with an outstanding program remembering all those that have given the ultimate sacrifice defending our flag on May 18th.

• Helped celebrate numerous clubs' special anniversary events. The Aiken Garden Club was the oldest I attended, that of their 100th year of service and one of the original clubs to start our state organization in 1930.

• Along with Donna and Harold Donnelly, Linda Howle and Betty Jackson, we represented South Carolina at the National Garden Clubs' Convention in Denver. What an exciting time as our own Donna Donnelly was announced and introduced each time as President Elect of NGC.

• What an exciting time as our group from GCSC traveled to Newport Rhode Island to attend the Newport Flower Show which is headed up by our fellow Sumter garden club member Pat Hernandez! While there we toured several of the mansions and their gardens from the "Gilded Age" such as Marble House of the Vanderbilt Family. Charleston Garden Club Member and summer resident in that area, Elizabeth Hazard, and her husband hosted a Sunday afternoon social for all the South Carolina Garden Clubs friends. We were delighted to enjoy her lovely home and sit around in her garden by the pool and enjoy delicious refreshments and had the pleasure of meeting some of her Rhode Island Garden Club friends.

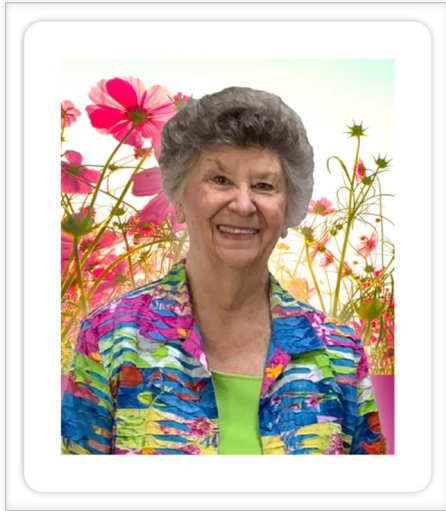
• Participated in the Blue Star Marker dedication at the American Legion Building in Little River and sponsored by Yaupon Garden Club.

Continued to work with our Membership Chair, Tara Ranson and the District Teams she has put together as we continue to help interested individuals form new clubs, federate existing clubs and bring on board additional affiliate members. At our September meeting, we voted to formally accept into our federation family our 58-member newest club, Hardeeville Garden Club. Truly we are blessed and are in an unprecedented time of growth. We must continue to support and encourage this renewed interest in our mission!

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The Garden Club of Virginia, Inc.

Val Storie, President

Theme: Every Person Makes A Difference

Dear SAR

Words from Virginia. VFGC and the member organizations offer a wide range of educational programs. In addition, members participate in a variety of local, state, regional and national projects. There is something for everyone in the VFGC Family.

There is soon (in a few days) the Virginia State Fair where VFGC has a booth for two days offer a wide range of activities for youth (adults too). This is a popular venue with many kids participating especially planting a succulent or making a floral arrangement. The booth is manned with VFGC volunteers.

The last VFGC Board Meeting held in Roanoke in August in conjunction with Course III Flower Show School. There were lively discussions and in the afternoon the members were treated to a speaker from the National Capital Area (also an NGC Board Member). Cherie spoke on the ways and why fore's to utilize virtual means to promote the organization, working with local businesses and some forms of AI. She is very knowledgeable and maybe a bit over our heads. She is working with the Facebook/Instagram and Web people in the VFGC organization.

VFGC will be working on promoting a Virtual Club. There has already been some interest in this endeavor. Sample bylaws have obtained, now time to go to work! This is obviously not to take members away from clubs, but to add just another element for new people to meet virtually, still having the benefits to attend schools, conventions and the such.

District meetings will soon be taking place throughout the Commonwealth. This is always a favorite, to visit the members, hear speakers and to see how much the districts are accomplishing. A rewarding time and the fall drive is beautiful too.

Please remember the "every person makes a difference" and we all do too. Happy Fall!

Val Story

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The Garden Club of West Virginia, Inc.

Martha Hilton, President

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



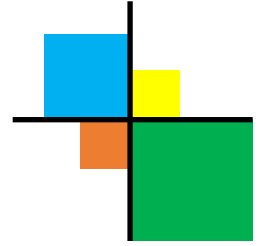
West Virginia Garden Clubs are into full swing for the fall! Fall Board meeting for the year is in our records and we're into our various District meetings across the state. Members have been given their National Awards from 2023 – love giving out surprises to those that did not get the memo!! School projects have started, plans for the upcoming holidays have already begun and the clubs are growing! I find that many are getting curious about how to arrange flowers so it looks like we'll be getting more projects that help our members learn how to show off their hard work

With the colors starting to flourish on the trees, it's a great time to visit for that Fall Tour. Pumpkins, chrysanthemums as well as a variety of gourds are adorning our Farmers markets in WV.

As the SAR Awards Chair, I do want you to be looking for updates on Penny Pines now "Plant-A-Tree" as well as the National Essay Contest "Is Recycling Plastics The Answer to Our Plastic Disposal Problem?". Plant-A-Tree project may have a different way of calculating the winner and the National Essay Contest is the theme we will be using as SAR's theme so that it can move on to National judging. More on each will be sent as soon as updates are given.

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BIRDS

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Fall will be here on Sunday and with it comes some important things to remember about our bird friends. It is a great time to travel to the many Bird Trails and your own backyard to enjoy the many different birds that you will find.

If you haven't done it yet, now is the time to clean out those bird houses and feeders. Don't forget to clean the ground under the feeders. Make sure to keep the feeder and bath clean with fresh food and water.

Sit back and enjoy the birds and other animals that find refuge in your yard. I've been surprised this summer by many new friends: rabbits, chipmunks and last week by seven deer (3 adults & 4 babies). What a wonderful sight.

Have a great fall enjoying God's amazing creatures

BEES. BUTTERFLY PRESERVATION, POLLINATOR GARDENS AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

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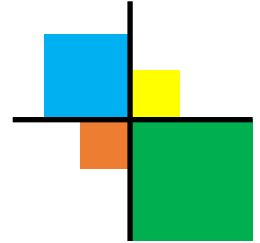
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My article for this issue of Key Notes, South Atlantic Region Garden Clubs, inc. relates to a summer program I presented this summer at the Mountwood Park Youth Adventure on Entomology! The ages of the campers were 9-11. The camp was 9am-12noon, Monday through Friday July 22-26. In building my presentation I ordered some very nice Vintage School Charts on Bees and Honey, The Beekeepers Guide to Pollinating Honey Plants; Entomology Dictionnaire Illustre; Insects Vol. 1, Beneficial Insects; Insects Vol. II; Insects Vol. III; Bugs and Insects, *Histoire Naturelle*; and Bees and Honey, More Specific to the Hive. The campers loved the charts and were impressed by all the ones they bugs and insects they recognized.

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We discussed protecting insects to protect birds. We talked about butterflies and host plants. We talked about the many cicadas, not necessarily in our backyards but in several areas across the United States and with the emergence of two broods simultaneously. We had graham crackers with honey using a wooden spoon. They learned honey has live enzymes and if it comes in contact with a metal spoon, these enzymes die. Honey has a substance in it that helps the brain work better. Honey is one of the few foods on earth that alone can sustain life. A teaspoon of honey is enough to keep a man alive for 24 hours. Propolis produced by bees is one of the most powerful natural antibiotics. They also learned that honey has no expiration date. A bee lives less than 40 days, visits at least 1000 flowers and produces less than a teaspoon of honey, but for her it is the work of a lifetime.

Other things learned included that Dandelions are a key source of early nectar to Pollinators. They learned Lights Out for birds migrating Sept 6 – Oct 6. Light pollution can cause birds to become confused. Campers were all interested in learning about Yellow Stripey Things, carpenter bees, honey bees, bumblebees, hoverflies, paper wasps, yellow jackets, cicada killers and dirt daubers.

Campers really participated in all the discussions, especially adding commentary regarding their own dealings with bugs, bees, and more! I would encourage all of you to look for opportunities to teach our youth about Entomology and the study of insects. It is rewarding to see the youth really enjoying the subject and how we each can promote education of these most worthy bugs!



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Environmental Education/ Recycling/ Energy Conservation

Karen Padgett Prewitt

Grassroots Green : *'In Vino Veritas'*

Now that the Fall harvest season is once again upon us, I wanted to share with you the interesting article I recently discovered, describing the unique way solar technology is being used in agriculture.

It seems that clever wine makers in France have installed solar panels elevated over their vineyards where they are growing grapes for Chardonnay wine. The panels collect solar energy that can then be used to help run needed mechanical equipment in the wine making process... but vintners have also discovered an amazing, unexpected benefit. The solar panels have provided just enough shade, in these recent summers of extreme heat in Europe, to prevent the grapes from drying out, thus making the finished Chardonnay wines sweeter.

To sweeten the experiment even further, vintners have benefitted from the added advantages of getting double use out of the same land, a return on their investment for installing the panels, and additional income by selling any un-used extra energy to electrical companies. This is a win-win scenario for all involved.

Just think of all the ways this idea can be used in areas of the world where the sun is plentiful and productive farmland is limited.

Now ... Sharing with you a bit of 'Environmental Irony'. This was sent to me as an email from a friend, without any reference to the original author. Good for a laugh!

"... So let me get this straight - I go to the grocery store to pick up a few things. I buy a pound of sliced ham at the deli counter, and it is handed to me wrapped in a plastic zip lock bag. I pick up a loaf of bread in a plastic bag, a gallon of milk in a plastic jug, a pack of napkins wrapped in plastic, a pound of potato salad in a plastic container, a bottle of mustard in a plastic squeeze bottle... and then, at the check-out counter they won't give me a plastic bag to carry my purchases home in... because the plastic bag is "bad for the environment" !

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GARDENING

Children's Gardens/School Gardens

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Jr. Garden Club member Emma proudly displaying



Easy, quick way to start children with a garden. Our club did hands on class in making a miniature terrarium with succulents

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. The environment is changing very quickly as fall is here. As Gardeners there is so much, we can do. Keep the Stems, Flower Heads and Leaves. They provide Habitats and food for local wildlife during the colder months. Anyone needing to refresh look on the NGC Website, Calendar and you will see Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Schools listed. There is something for everyone, whether 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. Working with a youth club or creating a youth club will be rewarding.

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

Happy Gardening.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

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SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

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 competition 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 a SAR Membership, just complete an application and send to Dorothy Richardson, P.O. Box 14, Loris, SC 29569, SAR Life Membership Chairman with a check for \$65.00. Please make check payable to SAR and mail to Dorothy Richardson, SAR Life Membership Chairman. All The SAR Life Membership supports 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. 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 were 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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NATURAL DISASTERS 2024

Disasters, National & International

There were tornadoes over Texas and Louisiana on May 6 through May 9, 2024 that caused one billion dollars in destruction and damage. It was the second most devastating and deadly storms in twenty years.

Twenty-three states between South Dakota and Florida had at least one tornado in May of 2024. In Greenfield, Iowa an EF4 tornado killed 5 people making it the deadliest tornado in 2024 and a tornado destroyed most of Barnsdall and Bartlesville Oklahoma.

In May, the National Weather Service received 6100 severe weather reports including 475 tornadoes which is the most reported since May 2011.

On May 21, 2024, the deadliest single tornado was in Greenfield Ohio. The EF-4 tornado caused widespread destruction and five fatalities.

At least 10 people died in flooding and landslides across Himalayan regions of India on June 13, 2024 and severe downpours also left 2400 tourists stranded in the northeastern Indian state of Sikkim.

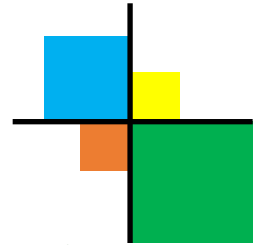
Six people died in India's Sikkim state and another four died from a landslide in neighboring Nepal's Kochi province according to officials.

As of September a total of 6332 wildfires have burned a cumulative 995,900 acres year to date. The number of wildfires and acres burned are higher than the 5 year average. Wildfires have destroyed 1,433 structures and killed one person in the state in 2024 in the state of California.

Hurricane Debby developed in August of 2024 as a category one hurricane in Florida and it created several EF1 tornados. This hurricane traveled through Florida through the mid Atlantic ending in New York which caused more than ten inches of rain New York State. The largest rain totals from this storm was 22.02 inches near Moncks Corner, South Carolina where an EF1 tornado caused horrific flooding to this area. Seven tornadoes were spawned in the Lowcountry of South Carolina on the night of August 5th, an EF1 tornado in Edisto Beach and another EF1 twister in Moncks Corner.

At the peak of the storm there were over 300,000 customers who were without power from Florida to the Carolinas for many days.

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\PENNY PINES IS NOW PLANT-A-TREE

With NGC's signing of a new memorandum with the National Forest Service, major changes have come to the Penny Pines project.

First change: New Name

The Penny Pines name has been replaced with the title PLANT-A-TREE. The focus of sustaining our national forests by helping with reforestation remains the same. NGC feels the new name "better reflects the program's mission and will help reach a wider audience."

Second change: Amount of Donation

Donations are no longer required to be \$68.00 or multiples of \$68.00. Donations may be in any amount from \$50 to \$10,000. The minimum donation is \$50.00.

Third change: Designation where the donation is sent

Previously, donors had the option to designate a state or a specific National Forest to which the donation would be used. While donors may still designate a specific National Forest, they instead are encouraged to select the option that allows the donation to go to "where it is most needed."

NGC reminds us that the Forest Service reserves the right to utilize funds based on need. If the donor chooses a forest where no tree planting is needed, the funds may be used for planting in another forest.

Fourth change; Certificates

After May 31, 2025, NGC will no longer mail certificates and will move to a digital format.

(More on this change in a later newsletter.) For now, a donor may continue to request a certificate which NGC Headquarters will prepare and mail.

Fifth change: New Plant-A-Tree Donation Form

Visit www.gardenclub.org/plant-tree for the new donation form for those who prefer to mail a donation to Headquarters. Donations can also be made online. NGC accepts debit card, credit card, PayPal and Venmo.

Please continue your generous support of helping reforest our national forests when wildfires and natural disasters destroy our beautiful forests.

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A Word from the SAR Scholarship Chairman

We were thrilled to meet the 2024 SAR Scholarship recipient and to learn that she also received a scholarship from NGC. She is a hard-working young woman who is already quite accomplished!

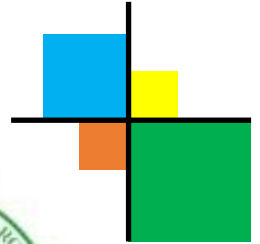
An application for the 2025 SAR Scholarship (Corrie Whitlock Scholarship) is anticipated from each of the five states in the South Atlantic Region to be received by this chairman on or before March 1. Guidelines are on the SAR Website; the application FORM needs to be downloaded from the NGC Website. State Scholarship Chairmen should be familiar with this procedure. Please assure that dates on the application form and all supporting materials are current.

The plan in the SAR budget is to award a scholarship of \$2,000; however, we need to grow our scholarship funds to do so. SAR Life Memberships, \$65 each, provide the major funding source. Could your club or state provide a LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR SOMEONE? Or send a MEMORIAL DONATION or HONOR someone for an outstanding project?? Our Treasurer, Marty Bowers will be happy to assist you with any donations.

I look forward to receiving a SAR Scholarship packet from each state, and preliminary work needs to be underway now.

Thank you, and best wishes,

The South Atlantic Region



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