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Letter from the

President

As I reflect and read every President's report of 2023, the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs has been a whirlwind of activity. Your clubs remain a supportive, vibrant addition to our communities throughout Tennessee. Reports confirm planting, designing, donating and providing educational opportunities for members and guests.

This week NGC President Brenda Moore and David Robison contacted me to confirm two clubs received PLANT AMERICA GRANTS. A Community Project Grants went to the Chapman Highway Garden Club in District IV and the Year 'Round Garden Club in District II. Congratulations to these two wonderful active clubs! I am so pleased many clubs have applied for grants and received them in 2023. Lola Eslick, TFGC Grant Chairman eslickla@aol.com continues to provide information and aid to those seeking grant opportunities.

All the district directors submitted reports and I requested many chairman to add to this edition of The Volunteer Gardener so you can read about the many projects and successes that I had the pleasure of attending across the state. Blue and Gold Star Family Markers and Memorials were placed all over the state in 2023. It is so emotionally moving to represent TFGC at these events. Many clubs presented NGC Standard Flower Shows, which provide a great service to all who view and enjoy these shows. These are two things that set us apart from non-federated clubs.

Debbie Shaver, TFGC Award's Chairman has been a busy bee as always. Read her report in this issue. We will have an Awards Workshop in 2024.

It is on the TFGC Calendar of Events.

I want to address one item that stood out on our president's report that is a way we can all participate in making Tennessee a cleaner, greener, healthier place to live,

Number 32 on the President's Report states- "Recycle Project (describe)." Many clubs left this blank. I want us all, in 2024 this spring when you meet for your meetings, maybe your roll call answer could be, "How I plan to recycle in Tennessee in 2024."

1. If we all try to bring our reusable bags every time we go grocery shopping, you as one person could reduce waste in your family. I leave my reusable bags in my car so I will always have them. Suppose you use five (5) bags a week, fifty-two (52) weeks in a year, that would be two hundred and sixty (260) bags a year. I think this is a very low figure for me personally, but it is based on a one-person household for an example.

Say your club has 15 members, that is conservatively, 3,380 bags your club saved from the land fill. We all can do this! Fill that question 32 in this year.

2. Composting is recycling. I know most of you are composting. I have a friend; he goes to Star Bucks and picks up their coffee grounds to put on his lush dark green yard. I'm not going to drive around gathering other people's garbage, but good for him! I compost my coffee grounds, tea bags, wood ashes and banana peels directly onto my beds. My rabbits eat greens, fruits and vegetables. The horses eat corn cobs, fruits and vegetables, which my grandchildren love to feed them.

My chickens eat everything! You can eliminate so much green garbage by composting.

Then I use their manure, along with our cattle manure on my garden and flower beds.

These are two easy projects we can all help Tennessee reduce waste.

Let's try and fill in that number 32 in 2024.

I will have an opportunity for every district to attend my Ways and Means Project in 2024.

“Herb Workshop” is an informational program for growing, cooking, designing and the uses of herbs in everyday life. I also have plant lists that I grow to keep deer away. I have never had a deer in my yard. Tickets are \$20.00 with \$5.00 donated back to your club. This includes a complimentary Herb Buffet Luncheon, Herb Booklet and opportunities for herb purchases.

“Designing for the Holidays” is a fall topiary, greens, wreaths, swags and designs to inspire you to get an early start with your holiday décor. Tickets are \$20.00 with \$5.00 donated back to your club. This includes a complimentary Holiday Buffet Luncheon, handout and opportunities for garden purchases.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your president.

Denise Thorne

President T.F.G.C.

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All About the Cover

IVAN RACHEFF HOUSE AND GARDEN 2023

State Headquarters of Tennessee
Federation of Garden Clubs



We hope you were able to attend the annual Greens Tea at Racheff December 8 and enjoy period Christmas greenery (photo of front door) and fellowship of garden club members and guests.

In keeping with Ivan Racheff's wish to share his gardens with the community, Racheff has welcomed over 700 visitors to the house and gardens during this 2023 year! The Arboretum Events Committee and members elected to the Racheff Board of Governors have hosted groups small and large to the 3-acre wooded nature retreat hidden in the middle of Knoxville, including:

- Rotary Club of Blount County for a tour and dinner in the gardens
- Spring Plant Sale in April and Open Gardens during Dogwood Arts Festival
 - Fairy Garden Workshop and lunch in May
 - Friendship Garden Cub tour and picnic in May
 - Alzheimers Association Dessert Auction at the end of May
- Three Rivers Employee Appreciation Lunch with live music in June
 - Two bus-loads of garden lovers from Fairfield Glade
- An evening reception for the Knoxville Mayor with a live jazz band
 - Mustard Seed day camp for children in the Knoxville area
- Dist. IV Gold Star Families Memorial Dedication with civic and military leaders
 - Plus a Tree Walk, Fall Festival and our annual Greens Tea!

Our next-door neighbors, Commercial Metals Corporation (CMC), have been so generous, continuing Ivan Racheff's encouragement to support the Lonsdale Community where we are located. CMC installed our new Gold Star Marker, moved our flag pole to the memorial marker area, and helped our gardener Pam Inklebarger with house and garden maintenance. (Chris and Ty from CMC pictured with TFGC President Denise Thorne during the Greens Tea)



**Attending 2024 Racheff
Greens' Tea
Former TFGC President
Pamela Dowd
2015-2017
TFGC President Denise
Thorne
Former TFGC President
Cindy Hintz 2017-2019**

We hope your garden club plans a trip to Racheff this coming Spring to see the hundreds of tulips and daffodils that the Master Gardeners of Knox County have helped us to plant. All garden club members are encouraged to join the Master Gardeners twice a month to work along side our Gardener weeding, pruning and removing invasive vines and plants. Their goal is to make a lasting impact on the Gardens at Racheff.

Every club should have a member on the Racheff Board of Governors to balance the focus of our activities throughout the year. If you would be interested in serving on the Board, please contact Chairman Cathy Waitinas, or any of our current members.

Be sure to plan a visit to Racheff soon – we look forward to seeing you!

Cathy Waitinas, Chairman of the Racheff Board of Governors



TFGC Land Trust Project

Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail

December 2023

Beginning in 2009 when Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs partnered with the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail Project there has been continuing support from our organization. To date, over \$30,000 has been donated by TFGC garden clubs to support the project. The Cumberland Trail is poised to make significant gains in trail progress in 2024. Land acquisition is moving forward as an important part of the project. The trail will serve the adjoining communities, the state and the nation as a resource management area, a recreation area, a cultural institution as well as an educational institution. With this project the Cumberland Trail could become Tennessee's largest and most visited state park.

On April 30, 1971 then Governor Winfield Dunn signed a bill authorizing the Tennessee Trails System Act (TCA 11-11-104) creating the CTSST. Present at this signing among other dignitaries was Mack Pritchard, one of the founding fathers of the Cumberland Trail. Mack was the conservation conscience of Tennessee and served as Tennessee State Parks Naturalist and first State Archaeologist. He was given credit for mapping the entire CTSST. The trail was designed for hikers by hikers as a sustainable single-file backcountry hiking trail. Imagine a foot trail traversing the mountain tops, river gorges, meadows and valleys of the Cumberland Plateau through eleven East Tennessee counties.

The 300-mile CTSST trail begins at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park in Claiborne County and ends at the Signal Mountain Unit of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Hamilton County. The project required cooperative management from State, Federal, private and community partnerships. TFGC partners with the Cumberland Trail and the National Park Service to provide financial support for land acquisition, trail development, native landscaping, and ecological and cultural and environmental protection projects.

During the fourteen years as TFGC CTSST co-chairmen, Linda Ford and Carole Whited have worked closely with CTSST Park Manager Bobby Fulcher. He has partnered with TFGC on many levels, including speaking at our Conservation Camps, District Meetings and TFGC conventions.

He entertained our groups with his banjo folk music and shared major trail plans with us. On a person note, Carole and Linda were meeting a few years ago with Bobby Fulcher at his Cove Lake State Park office to plan a kiosk at Carr Gap to recognize Alice Overton. On the return drive back to headquarters Bobby took a phone call. After the call he turned to us and said: “the trail has just received a 6000-acre land acquisition in a key area of the trail.” Bobby was pleased that he took the call and could share good news with us.

Bobby retired as CTSST Park Manager in November 2023. Bobby indicated he would be available to attend the TFGC District IV Meeting in March 2024 at Fox Den Country Club. This will give TFGC an opportunity to thank Bobby for supporting TFGC’s project.

Since the trail was adopted as TFGC Land Trust Project in 2009 by then TFGC President Alice Overton, all subsequent TFGC Presidents (Valerie Tipps, Ann McCormick, Pamela Dowd, Cindy Hintz, Maggi Burns, Julie Wilson and Denise Thorne) have supported this project, along with TFGC garden club members who have donated thousands of dollars to trail development. The support received from grants, the Cumberland Trail Conference, Friends of the Cumberland, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, supporting agencies, volunteers and various State administrations through the years has led to the great progress that has been made to develop CTSST.

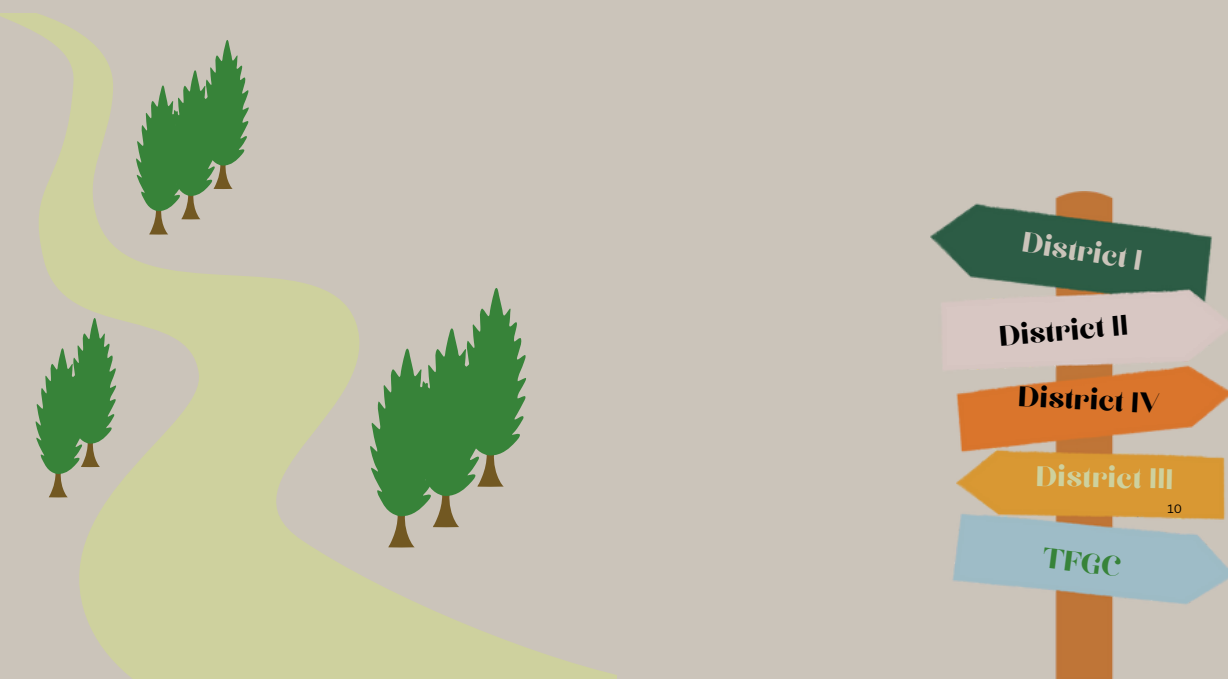
A major part of the trail development was done by the AmeriCorps team. This team worked to develop and maintain the trail, tirelessly, camping on ridge tops, sleeping in tents and working during daylight hours. They generally worked four 10-hour days followed by three days off. Volunteers, including college students on spring break and hiking enthusiasts, have completed many trail segments. The volunteers are a valuable asset to the organization. With a large majority of the Cumberland Trail built by volunteer labor, it is noteworthy that the completion of the trail cannot be done without the help of the community. Several hiking trail segments, totaling over 200 miles, are now completed and ready to hike. The terrain of remaining segments has proven to be a challenge, but trail crews are working hard to get the Cumberland Trail constructed in its entirety.

As the trail moves forward closer to its Hamilton County destination, let's move TFGC to the top of the support group of the CTSST with our continued contributions. Many garden clubs are making Land Trust a line item in their annual budgets. It is a good project for future generations to have the opportunity to experience such a remarkable part of our beautiful state of Tennessee by hiking the CTSST.

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Flower Growers Garden Club

has been busy growing, and not just plants, adding new members including two Master Gardeners. All new members have graciously accepted committee positions and working hard.

In June several members went to winterize and stage a beloved member's yard prior to listing for sale.



Patrece McCrary, Lynne Davis, Marchelle Butler Tracey Derrick and Margaret Mainardi

All Hands-on Deck...Selling Pecans, participating in a “Merry Christmas Market” with unique handmade items, baked goods, too much to mention, and of course our “Another Woman’s Treasure Sale” which is an on-going SUCCESS!!! This will enable us to continue to support Domestic Violence and Rape Center- Murfreesboro, Plant trees at new Habitat for Humanity homes and other Continuing Projects.

Excellent programming has included Anthony Tuggle, Director of Rutherford County Extension Office, ‘Lawn and Garden Tips after The Freeze”, Cynthia Allen, “an Environmentalist Program Specialist-MTSU, “Conservation at Home – What we Must Know”, Kristin Hopkins, City of Murfreesboro Facility Coordinator of Natural Resources, Indigenous Plants Projects” and more. Our great meetings are well attended with many classifications which Sandra Keene critiques preparing us for the Flower Show in June 2024 -- more information TBA later. We close the year 2023 celebrating our 75th Anniversary!!! Organized 1948 -- Federated 1950



District I Director Report

As I sit at my desk reflecting on District I events that have occurred since I and the Executive Board assumed our roles for the new biennium, I can say without a doubt that District I is a group of passionate, energetic gardeners making a difference in their communities.

District I held an NGC Standard Flower Show called “The Cowboy Way” at the Memphis Botanic Garden on May 24 open and free to the public. The event was intended to take the viewer back in time returning to the wild west to stimulate, educate and enjoy it all again with floral design, botanical arts, photography, education and horticulture. Mary Heim, flower show chairman, and her committee did an amazing job transforming the Memphis Botanic Garden into a magical space for participating clubs to display their entries showing off their creativity in design and skills in horticulture. It was an outstanding flower show enjoyed by all!

District I held its Presidents’-Treasurers’ meeting on June 5th at the Memphis Botanic Garden. The event was well attended with current information from the TFGC website printed and distributed to presidents and treasurers for their notebooks. Bonnie Stockel, our featured speaker, presented a power point called “Leap into Leadership” which was fun and informative. During the meeting everything from NGC, Deep South, TFGC and District I themes and projects to Endowment Trust Fund Grants, a Racheff House History, Awards Book of Evidence and Vision of Beauty Calendars were covered. NGC convention awards were presented. At the end of the meeting after lunch in celebration of National Garden Week and for a District I project, attendees created five bucket kitchen gardens of herbs to be distributed to various fire stations throughout the district to say thank you to our fire stations for their service to our communities. We partnered with Sherwin Williams in Germantown who donated the buckets for the project and a friend of the District donated a flat of marigolds started from seed which were used for pest control and color. The fire stations were delighted to be honored for their service.

Our Fall Membership Meeting was held October 16th at the Memphis Botanic Garden which was the kickoff for our District's new biennium 2023-2025. We had a strong showing with 95 registered for the event with 85 attending. Denise Thorne , our TFGC State President, and Lelia Johnson, TFGC President-Elect, were to be our special guests but due to the passing of Denise's father , neither Denise nor Leila were able to attend .Our guest speaker ,Suzanne Irwin Askew, author of the book, Native Plants of Tennessee: A Book of Lists produced by the TFGC, Inc.,was our keynote speaker delivering a program called "Finding, Propagating and Increasing Native Plants in Your Garden". Suzy's program was very informative and nicely complimented my theme, "Gardening with Native Plants", for this biennium. The beautiful fall table decorations were done by Kennedy View Garden Club members using plant materials from their gardens. The arrangements were sold as part of our Ways and Means project along with anOpportunity Drawing with items donated by local businesses, club members and Taunton Press, publisher of fine Gardening magazine. Barbara Armstrong and Sandy Jones from Suburban Garden Club created an outstanding American Traditional Mass NGC floral design for the lunch table not only as a decoration but as a visual teaching tool for our membership. Molly Hampton, our District I Endowment Trust Fund Trustee, presented Endowment Trust Fund grant awards to the four clubs in our District who applied for matching funds. Garden Club of Rosemark will be replacing numerous shrubs at the Historic Rosemark Telephone Exchange Museum due to the winter kill from the extreme winter conditions in December 2022. Germantown Garden Club is creating a seed library at the Germantown library with the objective of educating and enriching the community about the importance of gardening. A large bright red 30 drawer cabinet will be placed next to the circulation desk where a variety of seeds will be catalogued for library patrons to take home with planting instructions. Two librarians will oversee the checkout process tracking type and quantity of seeds selected. Scenic Hills Garden Club is replanting the neighborhood Whitney Street Scenic Hills Sign area. Cooper -Young Garden Club will work with homeowners and volunteers to make over select gardens along 3blocks in the Fox Meadows Neighborhood to show the powerful impact gardening can have on a community when everyone gets involved in adding flowers.

On Veterans Day, November 11, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. District I in cooperation with Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association and Crockett County Government proudly sponsored the dedication of a Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Marker on the Crockett County Courthouse lawn at 9:00 A.M. As District Director, I delivered greetings from Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs and from District I with a brief history of the NGC Memorial Marker Program. Phyllis Allen, Deep South Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Markers Chairman, offered greetings from Deep South Garden Clubs and NGC Words of Dedication. District I provided a large grapevine wreath decorated with a fresh spray of flowers created by Holliday Flowers which was placed at the Gold Star Marker. The event was well attended with approximately 150 present. Lindy Register, Crockett County Veterans Service Officer, U.S. Navy did an excellent job organizing the event with keynote speaker, Retired Major Tommy Baker, delivering a compassionate address. A reception was held in the courthouse following the ceremony with light refreshments served. The town of Alamo welcomed us with warmth and sincerity creating what I would call a Norman Rockwell moment.

District I is looking forward to another busy year ahead starting with its Spring Membership meeting at the Memphis Botanic Garden on March 4, 2024 with Rick Pudwell, recently retired Director of Horticulture at the Memphis Botanic Garden, presenting a program called “Native Designs from the Garden in Spring”. Rick , an excellent floral designer and horticulturalist, will be creating floral designs using plant material from the garden.

With space limited , this report is just a glimpse of all the great projects District I clubs are doing to improve their communities.

Chris Kelyman,
District I Director 2023-2025
Theme: “Gardening with Native Plants”

District II Director Report

Our District II last quarter began with the Fall Membership Meeting at Cheekwood Botanic Gardens on September 26. Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins was their theme with charming pumpkin houses and groves of pumpkins available for purchase. A delicious box lunch was provided by Tove Rawlings , followed by a sumptuous dessert buffet served by Tammy Algood. " Designs for the Home" by Instructor Lynn Fronk was our riveting program. Stunning arrangements were auctioned profiting Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs with \$980.

Veterans Day found me at two celebrations for the honored servants of our country. A Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication was held in Springfield, Tennessee, a community with a large number of vets. Touching memories, tearful families and beautiful bugles saluted those who served.

The first Monday of December found me at the HSMT's annual Sparkling Settings in a quaint country venue.

Abundant items were offered at the silent auction and vendors plied their charming wares. A delicious lunch was served by the Corner Market.

On December 4, the holiday season in Knoxville was kicked off by the TFGC annual Christmas Greens Tea at Racheff House and Gardens . I was honored to serve punch at the delightful buffet. Lovely arrangements, wreaths and baked goods were available to benefit Racheff House. It was a great time to visit with all the movers and shakers of our state and garden club friends.

Looking forward to an excellent, 2024 with our Board of Directors meeting at Racheff on January 29 and the Spring District II Membership Meeting on April 2, at Cheekwood.

**BETTE FIELDS
DISTRICT II**

District III Director Report

Being the TFGC District Director for the past few months has been an incredibly enlightening experience. Despite being the smallest of the four TFGC districts, ours is just as vibrant and active as the others. Leading a group of 12 garden clubs with a total of 273 members has proven to be an interesting, challenging, and highly educational journey. Here's a summary of a few of the remarkable achievements of our stellar clubs over the past eight months as we worked towards our two-year goal of "Reach out and TEACH Someone":

National Garden Week Activities:

Flower Show-Plant, Grow, Enjoy (Magnolia)

Container planting for the city of East Ridge (Crestwood)

Flower arrangements for assisted living members and for a supporting business (Murray Hills)

Recognition and Awards:

Two life memberships awarded to Janice Meissner and Starr Alexander (Hickory Valley)

Ann Brown receives DAR award for her work with pollinators

National Pollinator Week Events:

Pollinator Events and Festival held in June (Lookout Mountain)

Additional Flower Shows:

Second Flower Show in June-Scopes Summer (Aldersgate, Dayton, and Sunset)

TFGC Convention 2025 Planning:

Planning underway with Diane Ryder-Chair and Anne Leonard-Co Chair

Community Engagement:

Beginnings of a Memorial Garden on Cleveland's Greenway for deceased member Annette Stanbery (Magnolia)

Floral Designs displayed monthly at the Bradley County Library (Ocoee)

Fall membership meeting in September with horticulture, design, and educational displays, including activities with Tillandsias (55 members present)

Pollinator Garden planted at the educational center (Signal Mountain)

Education and Development:

Three members attending Flower Show School (Cecile Broz, Dianna Mansfield, and Vanessa Young)

Three members attended Symposiums (Ginger Cloud, Debbie Shaver, Marilyn Smith)

Community Events and Projects:

Plant Sales, Garden Fest, Plant and Floral arrangements (Crestwood, Signal Mountain, Dayton and Murray Hills)

Plant Sale and Yard Sale paired with local church (Hickory Valley

Garden Tour (Signal Mountain)

District Project kickoff - Tennessee Smart Yards (Ann Brown, Lookout Mountain)

Canned Goods Drive to support Saint Thaddeus Church outreach (Murray Hills)

Collaborative Initiatives:

Deep South Convention preparation for raffle baskets (All Clubs)

Community Outreach:

Attendance at Blue Star Marker Dedication in Townsend

Gold Star Memorial Markers dedications in Knoxville and Chattanooga (Lookout Mountain sponsored)

Community Service:

Pumpkin painting with children at Ace Hardware (Magnolia)

Sterchi Park mowed and maintained by Murray Hills Garden Club

These are only a partial account of accomplishments that reflect the dedication, creativity, and community spirit of our district, and I look forward to continuing this journey of growth and impact.

Ginger Cloud

District III

District IV Director Report

As this officer reflects on the past few months, she is proud to report that District IV has grown by 20 new members since May 10, 2023. The support from NGC, Inc. and TFGC, Inc. (Denise Thorne, State President) is most appreciated. Two of our new members came through the NGC website and our State President. With our new District interactive garden club map developed by Melanie Hill, Sevierville Garden Club and Linda Daniels, District IV Membership Chairman, these prospective members were placed in garden clubs.

It has been my distinct pleasure to attend different clubs' outstanding programs and community projects with opportunities for future awards. I am seeing District IV award applications come in and look forward to assisting with judging these awards on January 5, 2024, in Murfreesboro, TN.

District IV dedicated their fifth Gold Star Families Memorial Marker at Ivan Racheff House and Gardens on September 17, 2023. Thank you again to all the District IV members whose support and donations made it possible for us to purchase the marker for our state headquarters. Thanks to all who attended.

This Director is the Ivan Racheff House and Gardens horticultural liaison to the Knox County Master Gardeners who now maintain a program project in our historical garden/arboretum. Workdays for all garden club members interested in joining us are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We recently had 13 native white dogwoods donated by the Dogwood Arts Council that were from the Bazillion Blooms campaign. Dogwood Arts Council is a community partner, and our gardens are listed on the Dogwood Arts open trail guide every spring.

Our District IV Fall Membership meeting on October 20, 2023, was educational with Mike Ross, U.T. Department of Landscape Design and Plant Science Associate Professor from University of Tennessee, Knoxville, giving an informative program on the "Activist Gardener". Also, our focus on the why, what, and when of Endowment Trust Fund donations and applying for matching grants resulted in \$190.00 in District donations to the Endowment Trust Fund and a club member interested in applying for an ETF matching grant in 2024.

My year in review is very gratifying. Thank you to all the incredibly talented District IV Club Members for your volunteer spirit.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your District IV Director.

Happy Holidays,

DISTRICT IV DIRECTOR

Janie Bitner

Year End Awards Report 2023

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The awards year started out with the winners from Deep South and National. This year (for 2022) we had a total of 101 awards sent in of which we sent 35 to Deep South and 42 to National.

Out of those we had in Deep South - 3 Overall winners, 14 first place, 11 - 2nd place, 8 - 3rd place, 3 Honorable mention. In National we had 6 overall winners, 5 accommodations, which is first in size cat. 1 Honorable mention, and 24 appreciations. With 5 Flower show awards.

This year is lining up to be another great awards year. We are already getting in quite a few 3 page boe, and yearbooks in. Expecting flower show boes and schedules along with newsletters and press books.

This year there were changes and along with changes there are struggles, but we are working through them. This year National wants everything, even Flower show boe and schedules sent in via email, so we are learning to use drop box.

We will be judging this years awards on January 5 in Murfreesboro and from there I will have until Jan 15 to get them out to National. I appreciate all who travel there to judge I know it's a trip for some. But your help is needed and appreciated more than you know.

I am looking for someone to be able to step up with awards, its getting time for me to step down, we need someone who is computer savey (more than me)!!!! If you are interested in working with awards PLEASE give me a call.

Looking forward to seeing how we do for 2023.

Sincerely
Debbie Shaver

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The holiday season is behind us, but any season is a great time to reward yourself or a club member with a Tennessee Life Membership in NGC!

We have 14 new Tennessee Life Members since President Denise Thorne's term began in the spring of 2023.

District I: Brenda Hise of Garden Club of Rosemark, Tatyana Jankov of Germantown Garden Club, Katie McHaney of Cooper-Young Garden Club, Donna Gilpatrick of Southwind Garden Club, and Lynda Edsall of Scenic Hills Garden Club

District II: Sharon Summar of Garden Lovers Club

District III: Janice Meissner of Hickory Valley Garden Club, Charlotte Timberlake and Cynthia Humes of Aldersgate Garden Club

District IV: Rebecca Shular of Flower Lovers Garden Club, Hal Watts of Arissa Garden Club, May Votaw of Shady Oaks Garden Club, and Jo Ann Sexton of Chapman Highway Garden Club

Congratulations also to 2 new National Life Members—Connie Barker of Sun -Up Garden Club in District IV and Jean Richardson of Country Homes²² Garden Club in District II.

Applications for Life Memberships are online at tennesseefederationofgardenclubsinc.com.

Click on FORMS and scroll down to LIFE MEMBERSHIPS. Mail the application and \$75 check payable to TFGC to Amelia Wilkes, 1712 Westlake Ave., Dyersburg, TN 38024-2822.

A Tennessee Life Member is exempt from paying the State dues of \$7 each year for the garden club listed on the application. Certificates are heavy weight stock with an official gold seal. Deep South and National Life Memberships are \$50 and \$200. These forms are also online.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact me at ameliawilkes43@gmail.com , 731-285-7877 (home) or 731-445-9444 (cell).----Amelia Wilkes, Life Membership chair



BEES CHAIRMAN KAREN DAWSON

Have You Seen Me? A Guide to the Native Bees at Risk of Extinction (And How You Can Help them)

This is part of a series with Perfect Earth Project, a nonprofit dedicated to toxic-free, nature-based gardening, on how you can be more sustainable in your landscapes at home.

It's winter. The trees are bare, the ground is (hopefully) covered in fallen leaves, and the palette of the landscape is muted. While it might look barren, there is a whole world living just out of sight. "Native bees might not be buzzing now," says Sarah Kornbluth, a field associate in Invertebrate Zoology at the American Museum of Natural History. "But they are all around us, hibernating in soil, stems, cavities, standing dead vegetation, and leaf litter, ready to emerge next spring." There are more than 3,600 described species of native bees in North America, from large fuzzy bumblebees to tiny metallic green gems, some sporting masks and others flaunting their extra-long antennae, living in forests, deserts, tundra, meadows—basically anywhere there are flowers. While they might not get as much attention as, say, monarch butterflies, they are vital pollinators in our ecosystem and food web. They are also in trouble. Like many pollinators, native bees are struggling due to habitat loss and pesticide use.

Grow native plants in your garden.

Native insects co-evolved with native plants. They're part of an intricate food web system. For most organisms, non-native plants are like "plastic fruit in a fruit bowl," says Kornbluth. "It may look good, but they won't be able to eat it." While nectar-eating insects are able to enjoy the sugary, calorie-rich nectar from a wide range of flowers, "pollen, which bees need to feed their young, is more likely to come from the local native species that they have been coevolving with them for many thousands of years," says Kornbluth

Don't use pesticides.

Even organic ones. Pesticides (and that includes insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides) don't discriminate and will kill all insects—not just the ones you're targeting. When selecting plants at the nursery, ask if they've been treated with pesticides of any kind, especially neonicotinoids, a systemic insecticide that is absorbed by the entire plant rendering every part poisonous to pollinators.

Provide nesting spots.

Native bees nest in the ground and in stems and wood piles. "It's important to remember that the standing dead vegetation you see is full of bees," says Kornbluth. Try not to cut back stems when flowers are done blooming, but leave them for the bees. how pretty it is all winter long. "Embracing a plant's complete life cycle—from seedlings in spring to seed head or grass mound in winter—is a Piet Oudolf trademark," says Bishop of the visionary Dutch landscape designer who created the garden's master plan. "By not deadheading, we allow the life cycle to stay on display and integrate into design year-round. And this decay becomes abundant living matter and nest material for pollinators." It's also beautiful. "I love the aesthetic: the decay, structure, and different textures of every plant—they each have their own But if you must cut some stems back, Kornbluth advises leaving last year's stems as high as you can. While you're at it, leave the leaves. In addition to feeding the soil, fallen leaves provide insulation for ground-nesters, like bumblebees and mining bees, as well as other hibernating organisms. "It prevents the surface of the earth from getting too cold, which impacts their survival over the winter," says Kornbluth.

Look and learn.

"Do a small insect safari at home," suggests Kornbluth. feels when finding new species in her garden. "Give yourself the opportunity to be meditative and peaceful," says Kornbluth. See who's coming to eat. What do you notice about them? What plants are they visiting? When are they appearing?

Rephrased by: Karen Dawson – Bees Chairman





WINTER COLORS
GRAY, LEAFLESS
BRANCHES
RED BERRIES AGAINST
THE BLUE SKY
SUBMITTED BY: SARA
BOWERS

**TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF
GARDEN CLUBS, INC. WINTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Knoxville, Tennessee
January 29, 2024

TO: TFGC Executive Committee, TFGC Board of Directors and Membership

FROM: Pamela L. Dowd, TFGC Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Marker

Chairman **RE:** Update on TFGC BS and GSFM Markers since Fall TFGC BOD Meeting,
Sept. 18, 2023

***NGC REPORT SAME AS TFGC FALL BOD MEETING REPORT, September 18, 2023**

Candace Wells serves as NGC BS and GSFM Marker Chairman. C 423-304-3577; cfw1865@gmail.com

NGC REPORT, May 31, 2023; Candace Wells, NGC BS and GSFM Marker Chairman

NGC Total NEW dedications between May 31, 2022 – May 31, 2023 = 236 Memorial Markers

Total Blue Star Memorial Markers = 181

Total Gold Star Families Memorial Markers = 55

NGC Total Memorial Markers across the United States by May 31, 2023 = 3676

Blue Star Memorial Markers = 3495

Gold Star Families Memorial Markers = 181

***This NGC REPORT is updated yearly. It will be updated at the 2024 NGC Convention, Denver, CO, on
June 2-5, 2024.**

TFGC REPORT:

District I: 19 total

District II: 45 total (four of this number are definitely missing; number includes 1 GSFM Marker on
order to be dedicated on Nov. 11, 2024, in Winchester, TN)

District III: 19 total counting one delivered but not yet installed (17 total installed: two of this number
are definitely missing; two have been moved to new locations)

District IV: 20 total (two are missing)

TOTAL FOR STATE: 103 (22 GSFM and 81 BSM Markers)

TFGC LEADS ALL STATE GARDEN CLUB ORGANIZATIONS IN NUMBER OF GSFM MARKERS.

THIS REPORT WILL COVER TFGC BS AND GSFM MARKER UPDATES (HAPPENINGS, CHANGES & NEWS)

SINCE September 18, 2023, TFGC Fall BOD MEETING

REPORTS BY DISTRICTS:

DISTRICT I:

1. Joy White has been appointed District I BS and GSFM Marker Chairman. She served in
this capacity for 2021-2023 TFGC Term. 901-485-8029; joywhite23@comcast.net

2. November 11, 2023-----Alamo, Tennessee

A combined Gold Star Families Memorial Marker Dedication and a Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication took place on the Crockett County Courthouse Lawn on Veterans Day, November 11, 2023. The dedications were held in conjunction with other annual Veterans Day events held in Crockett County. Gold Star Families Memorial Marker:
SPONSORED BY

Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

District I

IN COOPERATION WITH

Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association

AND

Crockett County Government

*This marker was funded by Charles and Annette Tinnin, Clarksville, TN.

Blue Star Memorial Marker:

SPONSORED BY

Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

District I

IN COOPERATION WITH

Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association

AND

Crockett County Government

*This marker was funded by Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association.

By holding the dedications in conjunction with the annual Veterans Day events for Crockett County, they were well attended by citizens of the town Alamo and of Crockett County. District I Director Chris Kelyman represented TFGC in the dedication program. She presented "Greetings from TFGC", "Greetings from District I" and a brief "History of the NGC BS and GSFM Marker Program". Major General Tommy H. Baker, Commissioner of TN Dept. of Veterans Services, was the keynote speaker. Mayor Gary Reasons, who worked closely with TFGC BS and GSFM Chairman in placing these orders, was in attendance. Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association President Rick Wilkerson (American Legion Post 32) was present as were many other local dignitaries. Charles and Annette Tinnin, GSFM Marker Donors, were present for the event. District I furnished a [Tribute of Flowers](#).

DISTRICT II:

1. Pamela L. Dowd serves as District II BS and GSFM Marker Chairman. 615-896-863;
pamldowd@aol.com

2. November 11, 2023-----Springfield, Tennessee

A Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication was held in the Veterans Memorial Park Section of Springfield Memorial Gardens. This section of the cemetery now boasts a large granite Orange Heart Memorial dedicated to those veterans who were exposed to "Agent Orange" during the Vietnam War, an NGC Gold Star Families Memorial Marker, a Blue Star Memorial Marker, and many gravesites for veterans. Blue Star Memorial Marker:

SPONSORED BY

Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

District II

IN COOPERATION WITH

American Legion Post 45 and VFW Post 2120

AND

City of Springfield, Robertson County, TN

*This marker was funded by American Legion Post 45 and VFW Post 2120

The dedication program took place in the large chapel of the funeral home and the dedication ceremony took place outside at marker location. The event was well attended with over 120 guests present. **Many veterans were in attendance.**

Joyce Gentry, American Legion Auxiliary, Gold Star Wives and many other veterans related organizations, planned the program and spoke briefly introducing the first speaker. TFGC President Denise Thorne presented "Greetings from TFGC and District II". TFGC BS and

GSFM Marker Chairman Pamela Dowd presented a "History of the Blue Star Marker" ending with a brief "History of the GSFM Marke". Keynote speakers were Terry Wilson, Roberston County VSO and American Legion Post 45 Commander and Joe Eden, VFW Post 2120 Commander. Tove Rawlings, Country Homes Garden Club, unveiled, presented and dedicated the marker. Country Homes Garden Club assisted with the dedication and furnished the Tribute of Flowers. Rifle Salute and TAPS was presented by Robertson County

Honor Guard Members. Abigail Lemley, Springfield Memorial Gardens Executive, arranged a special luncheon for ALL who attended the dedication. District II Director Bette Ann Fields and other local dignitaries were in attendance.

3. November 11, 2024---Veterans Day (Target Date)-----Winchester, Tennessee

Franklin County Garden Club will dedicate a GSFM Marker at the Franklin County Annex Building in Winchester, TN, in the fall of 2024. The marker will be installed near the existing BS Memorial Marker dedicated by Highland Rim Garden Club (now disbanded) on Sept. 16, 2016. Franklin County Garden Club gained several Highland Rim Garden Club members

when the club disbanded. FCGC maintains the existing BS Memorial Marker and created "No Maintenance Bed" that serves as a base for the marker. The bed is outlined with "lab created" stones that feature blue stars. This chairman will notify ALL TFGC members of finalized date and details of the 2024 fall event. Gold Star Families Memorial Marker:

SPONSORED BY

Franklin County Garden Club _____

IN COOPERATION WITH

Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

District II

AND

Franklin County, Tennessee

DISTRICT III

1. Charlotte Scott is District III BS and GSFM Marker Chairman. 423-478-3817;

cscott125@charter.net

April 4, 2024----Cleveland, Tennessee

Aldersgate, Magnolia and Ocoee Garden Clubs will dedicate a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Tennessee State Veterans Home located at 1940 Westland Drive, SW, Cleveland, TN. The dedication will take place at 11:00 A.M. (EST), and ALL TFGC Members are invited.

Approval by the TN Dept. of Veterans Services and other veterans departments working closely with TNVS FINALLY granted approval for installation of the three clubs' BS Memorial Marker. The last approval letter came from the State of TN Real Estate Asset Management after we filled out a final "gift-in-place" project form which was sent to the Office of The State Architect. I relate this to advise that obtaining approval for installation of our markers at a TN Veterans Facility involves much correspondence, filling out forms and sending documentation! This was a time-consuming process! This is TFGC's first marker installed at a TN State Veterans Home. Blue Star Memorial Marker:

SPONSORED BY

Aldersgate, Magnolia and Ocoee Garden Clubs

IN COOPERATION WITH

City of Cleveland, Tennessee

Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs. Inc.

AND

District III

****NOTE:** Approval of the location of a marker MUST be given by proper authorities before and order is sent to the TFGC BS and GSFM Marker Chairman.

October 14, 2023-----Chattanooga, Tennessee

Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club³ dedicated a Gold Star Families Memorial Marker at the Chattanooga National Cemetery located at 1200 Bailey Avenue. The dedication program took place in the Armed Forces Pavilion and was well attended with approximately 100 plus attendees. Candace Wells, NGC BS and GSFM Marker Chairman and Lookout Mountain Beautiful Member, planned a dignified and meaningful dedication ceremony. Dr. Al Kaschimer, Piper Black Jacks, played Amazing Grace (Call to Assembly). Matthew Womack, Administrative Officer, CNC, welcomed guests and recognized dignitaries. Chaplain LTC Robert W. Thompson, US Army (Ret), gave the invocation and benediction. TFGC President-elect Lelia Johnson presented "Greetings from TFGC". District III Director Ginger Cloud presented "Greetings from District III". TFGC BS and GSFM Marker Chairman Pamela Dowd presented a "History of the GSFM Marker". Director of CNC Michael Foust presented a "History of the Chattanooga National Cemetery" and later accepted the GSFM Marker. The keynote speaker was US Army Specialist Chuck Aires who spoke on his experiences in Afghanistan. He received a standing ovation for his heartfelt words! Dowling King and Anne-Elizabeth Youmans, LMBGC Co-presidents, dedicated the GSFM Marker. This outstanding program ended with a 21 Gun Salute by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 203 Rifle Team and TAPS played by Dr. Al Kaschimer, Piper, Black Jacks. Other Chattanooga and Hamilton County dignitaries as well as LMBGC members were present.

Gold Star Families Memorial Marker:

SPONSORED BY

Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club

IN COOPERATION WITH

Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

****ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON LMBGC:**

This garden club has sponsored and dedicated five NGC Markers to date.

1. Oct. 20, 2007; BS Marker; The Commons; Scenic Hwy.; Lookout Mountain, Hamilton County, TN
- 2.&3. Nov. 12, 2016; BS and GSFM Markers; 1301 Lula Lake Rd. & Red Riding Hood Rd.; Lookout Mountain, GA (1st GSFM Marker dedicated by TFGC)
4. July 14, 2017; GSFM Marker; U.S. Naval Reserve; 4051 Amnicola Hwy.; Chattanooga, TN
5. Oct. 14, 2023; GSFM Marker; Chattanooga National Cemetery; 1200 Bailey Ave.; Chattanooga, TN

CONGRATULATIONS LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN BEAUTIFUL GARDEN CLUB!

NOTE: At the Oct. 14, 2023, GSFM Marker Dedication held at the Chattanooga National Cemetery, it was noted the BS Memorial Marker (dedicated 2011) was faded, chipped and peeling. Candace Wells, NGC BS and GSFM Marker Chairman and Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club Member, spoke with administrative officers of the Chattanooga National Cemetery about the condition of the Blue Star Memorial Marker dedicated in 2011 at the Chattanooga National Cemetery by District III. Candace had worked with Catherine Dowdy, TFGC BS Memorial Marker Chairman at the time, on the brick base and installation of the marker. The Chattanooga National Cemetery volunteered to purchase a replacement BS Memorial Marker. The replacement maker has been ordered. There will be no cost to District III.

DISTRICT IV:

1. Connie Barker is District IV BS and GSFM Marker Chairman. 865-689-4374; creabarker@gmail.com

2. September 17, 2023----Knoxville, Tennessee

Since this dedication was held the day before the last TFGC BOD Meeting on Sept. 18, 2023, details to the GSFM Marker Dedication held at Ivan Racheff House and Gardens in Knoxville, TN, are included in this report.

A GSFM Marker Dedication took place at TFGC Headquarters, Ivan Racheff House and Gardens, on Sept. 17, 2023. The marker is a companion to the BS Memorial Marker dedicated on June 7, 2005. They are both installed in the same large, stone-outlined bed which is located near Tennessee Ave. just inside the iron fence. They are both visible from the street. The event was well attended with 100 plus attendees. District IV Director Janie Bitner welcomed attendees.

Marilyn Childress, President and CEO Veterans Heritage Site Foundation, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA. Don Dare, WATE Channel 6, served as master of ceremonies. Major General Tommy H. Baker, Commissioner TN Dept. of Veterans Services addressed the group. Kevin Knowles, Director East TN State Veterans Cemeteries gave the Tribute to the Military. Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon gave "Greetings from Knoxville".

Knox County Mayor Glen Jacobs presented a Gold Star Family Day Proclamation. TFGC President Denise Thorne presented "Greetings form TFGC". Chairman of Ivan Racheff House and Gardens

Cathy Waitinas presented "Greetings from TFGC State Headquarters". TFGC BS and GSFM Marker Chairman Pamela Dowd presented a "History of the Gold Star Families Memorial Markers". Keynote speaker was Captain William Robinson, US Air Force (Ret) and Prisoner of

War (1965-1973). Connie Barker, District IV BS and GSFM Marker Chairman, dedicated the GSFM Marker. ALL GOLD STAR FAMILY Members in attendance accepted the marker. Ceremony ended with "Amazing Grace" played on the bagpipes by Keath Sinclair followed by TAPS. GSFM Marker:

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Tennessee Federation of Garden clubs, Inc.
District IV
 IN COOPERATION WITH
Ivan Racheff House and Gardens

3. The Blue Star Memorial Marker located at the Townsend Visitor Center (Smoky Mountains Convention Center and Business Bureau, Sevier County, Townsend, TN) was moved on June 20, 2023, to the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. The marker was dedicated on March 29, 2007, by District IV. Due to renovations on the Townsend Visitor Center, there was not a suitable new spot available for the marker. It was decided by Tuckaleechee Garden Club Members and Townsend Visitor Center Manager to move the marker to a more visible location. Manager at Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center agreed to locate the BS Memorial Marker next to the GSFM Marker dedicated at that location on May 7, 2023.

The BS and the GSFM Markers are now located in the same garden in front of the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. Permission to relocate the marker was given by NGC BS and GSFM Marker Chairman Candace Wells and TFGC BS and GSFM Marker Chairman Pamela Dowd. Permission was given to Janie Bitner, District IV Director.

ALL TFGC GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ANY OF THE BS AND GSFM MARKER DEDICATIONS HELD ANYWHERE IN THE STATE. THIS CHAIRMAN SENDS INVITATIONS TO ALL DEDICATIONS CLOSER TO THE DATE OF THE DEDICATION.

SEWAH STUDIOS PRICE LIST

Effective date: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

MARKER W/7' POST-----	\$ 2350
MARKER W/10' POST-----	\$ 2460
BY-WAY -----	\$ 750
REPLACEMENT 7' POST-----	\$ 375
REPLACEMENT 10' POST-----	\$ 475
REFURBISHMENT/CAP REPAIR-----	\$ 1450
REFURBISHMENT-----	\$ 1200

PAMELA L. DOWD TFGC BLUE STAR & GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MARKER AWARD

A certificate and \$50.00 may be awarded ANNUALLY out of the categories listed below for the most comprehensive and effective contribution to this NGC Program. Work may be for any type of marker and **any type of participation**—planning installation of marker, raising funds for marker, planning dedication of marker, landscaping of marker, beautification of existing marker or upkeep of marker area/landscaping.

- A. Small club –under 30 members
- B. Medium club –31 -50 members
- C. Large club – over 51 members
- D. Group of clubs
- E. District
- F. Individual

This award is sponsored every year by former TFGC
President and Former NGC BS & GSF Memorial
Marker Chairman Pamela L. Dowd.

The condition of our TFGC markers is a reflection of how we honor and remember those who have served, are serving and will serve in the Armed Forces of the USA and of our Gold Star Families. The condition of our markers is also a reflection of TFGC. It is the duty of the District BS and GSFM Marker Chairmen to visit the markers in their respective district to check on the condition of the markers. It is their duty to keep an accurate and up-to-date record of the markers in their particular district and report to the TFGC BS and GSFM Marker Chairman. If a marker needs to be refurbished, the sponsoring district or sponsoring garden club is responsible for refurbishing/restoring the marker. Fundraisers are encouraged to help with cost of refurbishment of markers found in poor condition. One district "passes the hat" at district meetings to raise funds for refurbishments or to purchase a new markers. Let us work together to make sure our BS and GSFM Markers are in good condition.

I encourage each of your districts and your garden clubs to consider dedicating a BS or GSFM Marker in your community. Markers are a great source of pride for your districts, your garden clubs and your communities. They serve important and meaningful purposes----paying tribute to the Armed Forces who have defended the United States of America AND paying tribute to Gold Star Families whose loved one paid the ultimate price defending the United States of America.

If I can be of service to you, please contact me. I am here to serve.

Thank you,

Pamela L. Dowd

Pamela L. Dowd 1611 Georgetown Lane

TFGC BS and GSFM Marker Chairman Murfreesboro, TN 37129-1742

2015-2017 TFGC President 615-896-8663; pamldowd@aol.com



DAY OF GARDENING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
822 Belvoir Avenue, East Ridge, TN 37412

Presented by the
Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs District III

"IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR YARDS AND WHAT WE DO WITH THEM"

Cost: \$35 for preregistration or \$40 at the door. Includes:
Catered Boxed Lunch with Desert and Drink.
Morning Coffee and Tea available during registration.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

9:30 – 10:00 Registration and Coffee/Tea

10:00 - Mike Ross - "Activist Gardeners" - Assistant Professor UTK Department of Plant
Sciences Sustainable Landscape Design concentration and in the School of Landscape Architecture

11:00 - Fran Geier TN/GA Smart Yard Presentation and Rain Smart

12:00 Lunch and shopping at the Market

1:00 – 2:00 Certifications and Presentations

Diane Ryder - National Garden Clubs Pollinator Garden Certification

Jim Webster – National Wildlife Federation and Tree Certification

Jared O'Dell - Rain Smart Yards and your Waterways

Sarah Beddoe – Rain Barrels

Diane Shelly- Blue Birds

Kym Martin - Monarch Waystations

REGISTRATION FORM

Send this form to Marilyn Smith, 279 Pine Hollow Road, Dayton, TN 37321
with your check for \$35 made payable to TFGC, District III
– memo line - Day of Gardening

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email address for confirmation _____

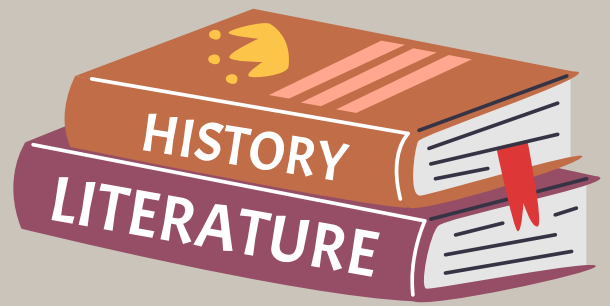
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Sandwich type: turkey____ ham____ roast beef____ veggie____

TFGC HISTORY BOOK

BY: CATHY DONALDSON



The Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs has a proud history of nearly 100 years. How much of that history do you know? You may have seen some of our history in the three books published in 1947, 1963 and 1991. Those books have become rare through the years so consider yourself lucky if you have one or seen one in your club or local library.

One of our past presidents Alice Robertson Overton thought we should write a fourth edition and donated to that purpose before her death. Several of our TFGC Racheff Board of Governors have taken an interest in Racheff's history and the materials stored in the vault at our state headquarters. Linda Ford and Carole Whited have worked on Racheff written history from previous years and have interviewed previous board members and neighborhood adults who visited Mr. Racheff or his house when they were kids. As required by our TFGC policies and procedures, we have tried to collect the two-year files of each previous state president to preserve their activities and files in the fireproof vault. Martha Frink and I have collected past issues of the Volunteer Gardener for reference materials of each administration and district and club activities across the state. For our 75th anniversary, we displayed memorabilia at our 2001 Knoxville convention for President Juanita Allinder.

As we approach 100 years, Denise Thorne has interested us in compiling our history before our return visit to the historic Read House for our 2025 convention in Chattanooga. We have been recruiting past presidents to donate writing or files about their two years for our TFGC history book. Unfortunately several of our presidents from the past 34 years are deceased so we have lost their personal remembrances and recollections. The writing of this fourth history will help preserve our past and its personalities and accomplishments before more is lost.

If you like to write and study history, contact me to volunteer writing time for topics of interest to us all. If your club or you personally would like to donate financial support to printing of the publication, see the History Book Donation Form on our website in Forms and send to state treasurer Karen Dawson.



TFGC FORM I (HISTORY BOOK)

The last time we updated the history of TFGC was 1991. That was over thirty years ago (30)! **Alice Robertson Overton** dreamed of a new edition and contributed \$500 to startup a printing fund. ***Calling her a Patron***, we are suggesting a formal category of Patron donors of \$500 or more.

TFGC will celebrate its' '**100 Years**' in 2026 and we would encourage our Districts, Garden Clubs and individuals to donate to this project. This would be the fourth history publication.

Thanks to Cathy Donaldson, Chairman
TFGC History Book - easttngardener@gmail.com

Patron \$500


Sponsor \$100 - \$499

Please circle your selection and then

mail check and a copy of this form to:
Karen Dawson, TFGC State Treasurer

Supporter \$0 - \$99 2499 Sugar Flat Road, Lebanon, TN 37087-7272





**SPRING ISSUE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT MARCH 13
SEND TO
VOLUNTEERGARDENEREDITORTFGC@GMAIL.COM**

TFGC MOTION FORM

MOTIONS PRESENTED AT

() EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OR

() BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MUST BE WRITTEN WHEN THEY ARE PRESENTED AND A COPY GIVEN
TO THE PRESIDENT AND RECORDING SECRETARY.

MADAM PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT

TFGC Bylaws Article XIII. Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Section 1 be amended as follows: Delete the first sentence. It repeats the information in the paragraph above and contains information contradictory to other requirements in this document.

It would then read:

Article XIII. Ivan Racheff House and Gardens

Section 1. ~~The name of the committee to administer the affairs of Ivan Racheff House and Gardens (hereafter referred to as IRH&G), TFGC Headquarters and property, shall be the IRH&G Board of Governors.~~ The IRH&G Board of Governors shall consist of a minimum of 36 members from the membership of TFGC. Included in this number are the current President of TFGC, ~~President-elect of TFGC, Treasurer of TFGC,~~ District Director of each District of TFGC, IRH&G ~~Chairs of each District of TFGC,~~ and the President of District IV Council of Garden Clubs. The IRH&G Board of Governors shall elect the balance of the active membership from District IV.

MOTION MADE BY: ____Cathy Waitinas____.

SECONDED BY: _____
(Not required when from committee)

DATE: _____

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MUST BE WRITTEN WHEN THEY ARE PRESENTED AND A COPY GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT AND RECORDING SECRETARY.

MADAM PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT

TFGC Bylaws Article VIII. Board of Directors Section 1 be amended as follows:

Section 1 to modify the end of the first sentence to more correctly reflect the positions listed, replacing “.....Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Chair an Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Treasurers.”

With

“...(insert semicolon before “and”) ; and the Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Board of Governors’ Chairman, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.”

It would then read:

Article VIII. Board of Directors

Section 1. The TFGC Board of ~~Directors shall be composed of~~ the elected and appointed officers, former presidents, NGC board members, committee chairs, Vice Directors ; and the Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Board of Governors’ Chairman, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. , Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Chair, and Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Treasurers.

MOTION MADE BY: _____Cathy Waitinas_____. SECONDED BY:

(Not required when from committee)

DATE: _____

MOTIONS PRESENTED AT

() BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MADAM PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT

Re-word for clarity and accuracy to read:

It would then read: _____

Section IX Item 13

MOTION MADE BY: Cathy Waitinas.

SECONDED BY: _____
(Not required when from committee)

DATE: _____

TFGC MOTIONFORM

**MOTIONS PRESENTED AT () EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OR () BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MUST BE WRITTEN WHEN THEY ARE PRESENTED AND A COPY GIVEN TO THE
PRESIDENT AND RECORDING SECRETARY.**

**MADAM PRESIDENT, I MOVE that ARTICLE XVII. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS be added to the TFGC
By-laws stated as following: Meetings of all TFGC Boards, Districts, Committees and Membership
may be conducted by telephone and/or the use of Internet meeting services designated by the
TFGC President or the Chairman calling the meeting. The Internet service shall support visible
displays identifying those participating and those seeking to speak. The Internet services will
support anonymous voting and will show or permit retrieval of results of votes or pending
motions.**

**Electronic meetings shall be subject to all rules and regulations adopted by the TFGC Board of
Directors to govern them which may include any reasonable limitations and requirements for
member's participation. An anonymous vote conducted through an Internet meeting shall be
deemed to be a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be
conducted by ballot.**

MOTION MADE Leila Johnson

SECONDED BY: _____
from committee _____
(Not required when from committee)

DATE: _____

TFGC MOTIONFORM

MOTIONS PRESENTED AT () EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OR () BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MUST BE WRITTEN WHEN THEY ARE PRESENTED AND A COPY GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT AND RECORDING SECRETARY.

MADAM PRESIDENT, I MOVE that ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP & DUES of the TFGC By-laws Sections 2A, 2B, 3, 4, and 9 be amended to reflect the following changes. TENNESSEE FEDERATION of GARDEN CLUBS INC. Annual State dues be increased from \$7.00 per member to \$10.00 per member.

MOTION MADE

Lelia Johnson _____
SECONDED BY: _____

_____ from
committee _____
(Not required when from committee)

DATE: _____



**FORCED BULBS INSIDE BRIGHTEN
ANY WINTER DAY**



TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Opening Balance (as of 8/31/2023)	Income	Disbursements	Closing Balance (as of 12/31/2023)	
Restricted Funds					
Dues	773.00	70.00	90.00	753.00	
Convention TFGC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fund Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	13,234.00	212.00	2,096.00	11,350.00	
Dues - Officers & Chairs	-97.15	0.00	13.20	-110.35	
Dues - President's	0.00	0.00	365.00	-365.00	DS/TFGC Convention
Quality	-1,002.00	0.00	100.00	-1,102.00	2024 State Mtg Park Vista \$852
Community Awards	140.86	284.23	0.00	425.09	
Volunteer Gardener	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00	
End Means	115.00	2,567.00	895.00	1,787.00	Holiday Design Program
Fund	2,025.02	311.00	537.72	1,798.30	
Unrestricted	15,188.73	3,444.23	5,696.92	12,936.04	
Restricted Funds					
Dues	-197.70	0.00	0.00	-197.70	2023 April Awards
Convention Camp	-1,720.00	0.00	0.00	-1,720.00	2024 Falls Crees Falls State Park
Convention Education	2,772.80	50.00	0.00	2,822.80	
Convention Venues	-314.00	0.00	0.00	-314.00	2025 Read House Convention
Convention Residence and Project	1,483.00	55.00	0.00	1,538.00	
Dues of Racheff	380.00	0.00	380.00	0.00	
Dues Book	500.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,500.00	Pam Dowd & Cathy Donaldson
Trust	345.00	160.00	0.00	505.00	
Membership	525.00	300.00	750.00	75.00	
Plant Book	40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	
Natural Disasters	1,051.00	95.00	0.00	1,146.00	
Permanent Home	127.00	35.00	162.00	0.00	
Schools	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Pines	340.00	1,331.54	1,632.00	39.54	
President's Plaques	329.44	0.00	0.00	329.44	
Golf House & Garden	575.00	0.00	575.00	0.00	
Convention and Remembrance	25.00	75.00	0.00	100.00	
Scholarship	407.00	248.57	635.57	20.00	
Restricted	6,668.54	3,350.11	4,134.57	5,884.08	
Cash on Hand	21,857.27	6,794.34	9,831.49	18,820.12	
Respectfully Submitted,					
Dawson, Treasurer					

Garden Club continues efforts to beautify and educate April 16, 2023



Members of the Franklin County Garden Club gather for a group photo (top) as they meet to continue to promote a passion for gardening in our community. The bottom photo was taken at Broadview Elementary during an afternoon of teaching students to make a terrarium to take home. At right, top photo, members plant trees at the historic site of Mary Sharp College. Other photos show members' visits to support gardening at local schools. To get involved with the Garden Club, call 931-967-5311 or email FranklinCountyTNGardenClub@gmail.com. New members are always welcome.

Gold Star Families



Ann Brown, Penny Simmons, Candace Wells, Gold and Blue Star Memorial chairwoman, Valarie Adams, Lynn Hartman, Kyoung-Hee Jeong, co-president Anne-Elizabeth Youmans, Lyndia Crotteau, Vanessa Cullars, Pamala Thompson and Dowling King



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, Candace Wells, Blue and Gold Star Families Memorial Marker chair for National Garden Clubs, with Ann and Howard Brown, of Lookout Mountain. The Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club honored families of fallen soldiers with the first Gold Star Families Memorial Marker at the Chattanooga National Cemetery.



2024 DEEP SOUTH CONVENTION PROGRAM AD FORM

Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is hosting the Deep South Regional Convention in 2024 at the Park Vista Double Tree Hotel in Gatlinburg, TN. March 19-20.

The sale of ads for the program book have begun. Please encourage your club, family, friends, and merchants in your community to participate and support TFGC. Honor your members, presidents, club anniversaries, by purchasing an ad.

The fees for ads in the Convention Program are:

Full Page\$100.00. Ads must be camera ready, black and white, and may contain photos.
Half Page\$ 50.00.
One Fourth Page\$25.00.
Name listed as Contributor \$20.00.

Email ad and completed form to Lorianneemery@gmail.com.
Or by USPS to Lori Emery at 2816 Tallgrass Lane, Knoxville TN 37932
Phone: 615-948-7672

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION IS FEBRUARY 18, 2024. PAYMENT AND AD MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS DATE.

Payment: Make checks payable to Deep South Convention 2024 and send to:
Suzan Bowman, Deep South Convention Treasurer, at 3717 Maloney Road, Knoxville TN 37920. Credit cards (plus service fee) are accepted by telephone 865-705-9451.

Name _____

Garden Club _____ State _____ District _____

Name of
Business _____

Ad Size: (please circle)
Full Half Fourth Contributor



Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

District I, II, III, & IV

It's time to place your District order for the 2025 Vision of Beauty Calendars and the cost is \$10.00 each. When placing your order, please use this form and attach your check and mail by August 1, 2024. Calendars will be sent to your district calendar chairman and she will get them to the individual clubs. Please order your calendars through your District I, II, III, or IV calendar chairman. Remember a portion of each calendar ordered will go into the TFGC scholarship fund. **Your District chairman will send your order and check to District treasurer and your District Treasurer will send the order and one check to the Vision of Beauty State Chairman.**

Marilyn Smith
279 Pine Hollow Road
Dayton, Tennessee 37321
(423) 775-1792 - Home (leave message as I only answer numbers I know)
(423) 618-4800 - Cell
mgsmith50@aol.com - Email

Vision of Beauty 2025 Calendar Order

Deadline: August 1, 2024

Please mail this form with one club check, Payable to TFGC District I, II, III, IV for your club's Vision of Beauty calendar order and mail to your district VOB Calendar chairman.

Please Print Name of your:

Garden Club _____

Please Print name of contact person: _____

Phone Number of Contact Person _____

Email address of contact person _____

Number of calendars ordered: _____ @\$10.00 each = _____

Please do not write below - This space is for the district calendar chairman records only:

Check# _____ Amount _____ Date received _____



ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

September 23, 2023 thru December 31, 2023

District IV Judges Council in memory of Wilma Wilson

District IV Judges Council in memory of Betty Conley

Pamela L. Dowd in memory of Ann Tensley

TFGC Inc District I in memory of J. T. Robinson

Sun Up Garden Club

Rachel Jackson Garden Club in honor of Jean Richardson

Rachel Jackson Garden Club in honor of Vicky Richards

Rachel Jackson Garden Club in honor of Carole Ann

McCormick

Rachel Jackson Garden Club in honor of Paula Fortson

Rachel Jackson Garden Club in honor of Kay Flynn

Rachel Jackson Garden Club in honor of Ginger Cloud

Janie Bitner in memory of J. T. Robinson

Pamela Dowd in memory of J. T. Robinson

Tuckaleechee Garden Club

Garden Club of Signal Mountain

Smoky Mountain Garden Club

Shelbyville Garden

TFGC Inc Benevolent Fund

TFGC Inc-Scholarship

Mountain Laurel Garden Club

Crestwood Ladybugs

Arisa Garden Club

Kanunsita Garden Club

Oak Hill Garden Club

West Hills Ten O'Clock Gardeners

TFGC Inc IV

Marilyn Smith

Sun-up Garden Club

Eastside Garden Club

Four Seasons Garden Club

Ocoee Garden Club

Flower Lovers Circle

901 Garden Club

Brentwood Garden Club

Grant Recommendations

January 2024

Reminder of activity books free to use

- Do Something Green Workbook
 - Play Outside Workbook
 - Ecology Warrior Workbook
 - Pollinator Power Book
- National Garden Club.Inc.

Grants

National Garden Clubs. Inc, Wildflowers Operation
\$500.00 for an educational program on the subject of
native plants, public planting and plants for butterflies.
Application can be found on the NGC website under grants

Walmart Local Community Grant
Must be Cyber Grants Front Door verified prior to applying
Eligibility - meets one of the 3 criteria:

Tax exempt status

Government entity (see list on site)
A K-12 public or nonprofit private, charter school,
community /junior college State /private college or
university: or church project that benefit the
community such as food pantries, andvolunteer fire
companies

Community grants range from a minimum of
@250.00 to a maximum of \$5000.00
Grant Applications for calendar year will be
accepted on a quarterly basis - check for dates
See site Walmart Local Community Grant

Tip!

Your local Walmart manager has some influence as
to the application that will be awarded funding
locally. A relationship with the manager could be a
plus.



**Franklin County Garden Club has won two grants
for \$2000.00 each. Both were related to
Education and Beautification Projects.**

**Contact Franklin County Garden Club President
Lola Eslick at eslickla@aol.com for questions**

**Additional grant information sent to District
Directors:**

**Gro More Grassroots Grant
Kid Gardening Youth Grant
Green Our Planet Grant**

TFGC MOTION FORM

MOTION PRESENTED AT () EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OR
(X) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MUST BE WRITTEN WHEN THEY ARE PRESENTED AND A COPY GIVEN
TO THE PRESIDENT AND RECORDING SECRETARY.

MADAM PRESIDENT, I, Carole Whited MOVE
THAT_____

TFGC adapt this version of
Rotating Officers with members from each district being elected
to serve for two terms. The rotation would change with each term.
Ex- President, President elect, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, all
representing all four districts)

Carole Whited
Former DIV Director, Former TFGC 2nd Vice-President,
NGC Flower Show Evaluating Chairman for TFGC.
Co-Chairman with Linda Ford for TFGC Land Trust Project

MOTION MADE

BY:_____

SECONDED

BY:_____

(Not required when from committee)

DATE:_____

Registration form is on the NGC website—schools—environmental school— course 2—register



“Springtime Through The Deep South”

An NGC Petite Design Specialty Show



Flower Show Schedule

Design Entries must be placed with Kay Flynn, leolewis1@comcast.net,
Design Entries Chairman



**REGISTRATION for Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc
Convention, 2024**



As clubs resume their activities in 2024, I want to express my enthusiasm for attending your meetings. I look forward to the opportunity to meet your members, share ideas, and gain firsthand insight into all your upcoming projects.

Ginger 770-851-4771



Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

98th TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC, SPRING MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS BANQUET. THE MEETING AND OTHER PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024, AT THE PARK VISTA - GATLINBURG TENNESSEE

Registrant Information

First Name: (as you wish it to appear on your name badge) _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (circle C/Cell or H/Home phone) preference.

C/P _____

Best Email for Correspondence, if you do not wish to enter one type 'none' in the email address field. _____

District _____ What local Garden Club do you belong to?

_____ # of Years _____

Circle all that all applies present or passed: TFGC Board Member District Director
TFGC Life Member TFGC President NGC President NGC Board Member
NGC Life Member DS Region Life Member DS Region Board Member
DS Region Director Delegate Garden Club Member Landscape Design Consultant
Flower Show Judge Gardening Consultant Environmental Consultant Alternate
Guest/Spouse

Registration cost is \$120 for meetings, lunch, and dinner. Are there any food allergies or diet restrictions? _____

Make check payable to TFGC, mail to Karen Dawson, 2499 Sugar Flat Road, Lebanon TN 37087. Please include a registration form with payment.

Park Vista 'Group Code' TFG Rooms Rate: \$154 plus applicable taxes. Visit:
www.park.vista.com – Book now – Special rates – Group Code – 'TGF'

RACHEFF HOUSE & GARDENS BOARD MEETING

GENERAL FUND ACCT & BUSINESS SAVINGS FINANCIAL REPORT

09/01/2023- 09/30/2023

OCTOBER 9, 2023 REPORT

GENERAL ACCOUNT				
DATE	CK #	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$11,465.32	
DEPOSITS				
9/7/23		COMMERCIAL METAL	\$500.00	Monthly Donation
9/8/23		GIFT SHOP	\$140.00	Receipts from 7-9-2023
9/26/23		GIFT SHOP	\$50.00	
9/26/23		GIFT SHOP	\$80.00	
9/26/23		GIFT SHOP	\$60.00	
9/26/23		DONATION	\$1,000.00	TFGC Grant for Leak
9/26/23		REFUND	\$117.00	Late Audit Fee -Markel-Workman's Comp
9/26/23		DONATION	\$380.00	Friends of Racheff from TFGC
9/26/23		DONATION	\$765.00	Club Donations from TFGC
		TOTAL	\$3,092.00	
EXPENSES				
9/5/23		CARD TRANSACTION	\$131.10	Waiting for explanation
9/18/23	A	COMCAST	\$99.38	Phone
9/26/23		PAYROLL	\$1,130.00	Overdraft Protection Transfer to
				Payroll Account
9/27/23		PAYROLL	\$1,000.00	Transfer to Payroll Account
9/13/23	1034	PAM INKLEBARGER	\$42.97	Garden supplies
9/15/23	1035	CATHY WAITINAS	\$110.03	Pond Water Treatment Supplies
9/27/23	1036	ERIE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$6,198.00	Annual Racheff Property Insurance
		TOTAL	\$8,711.48	
		ENDING BALANCE 9-30-2023	\$5,845.84	
SAVINGS DIVISIONS				
		BEGINNING BALANCE	\$7,072.65	
		CLUB DONATIONS	\$1,901.00	Prior donations from TFGC -unitemized
		FRIENDS OF RACHEFF	\$176.00	Prior donations from TFGC -unitemized
		REMEMBRANCE /RECOGNITION	\$70.00	Prior donations from TFGC -unitemized
		DONATION	\$3,000.00	Remaining funds TFGC ⁵⁵ Admin Cindy Hintz
		DONATION	\$1,925.12	Remaining funds TFGC Admin Maggie Burns
				(designated for house not payroll)
			\$0.18	Interest
		SAVINGS TOTAL	\$7,072.83	
WELLS FARGO				
		BALANCE	\$308,908.57	
		AVAILABLE-RACHEFF	\$2,589.09	

HERBS



TFGC Herb Program
Coming to a District Near You...
2024

TFGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024-2025

January 29 – Monday -TFGC BOD Meeting Racheff H&G11:00 a.m. EST/ Complimentary luncheon for both meetings/ Deep South Convention Committee meeting 1:00 p.m. EST

February 1- finalize plans for your garden club year-print your president's report for guidance – go to the NGC website and the TFGC website for helpful information- Have a Garden Club book, program booklet or email program book. Call your district director or president for assistance.

February 9 – Friday -Park Vista Meeting for Committee- Gatlinburg

February 24- Saturday District III - Day of Gardening- Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 822 Belvoir Avenue, East Ridge, TN 37412 \$35.00 prepaid/ \$40.00 door

March 1 – Friday TN Arbor Day

March 2-10 Philadelphia Horticultural Society Flower Show – Convention Ctr.

March 4- Monday -District I Membership Meeting Memphis Botanical Garden 9:30 a.m. 750 Cherry Road, Memphis, TN 38117 \$25.00

March 11-Monday- Racheff Board of Governors Meeting 1:00 p.m. EST

***March 19 -20 -Tuesday/Wednesday Deep South Convention Gatlinburg TN
TFGC presenting an NGC State Petite Design Specialty Show
“Springtime Through the Deep South” held at Park Vista during the convention***

***March 21- Thursday TFGC Convention and Awards Banquet, Gatlinburg TN
“Tennessee Butterfly Monitoring Network”, Warren Bielenberg, Retired National Park Service Ranger 34 yrs. program –& Floral Designer – Scott Graham program***

March 29 – Friday District IV Spring Membership Meeting Fox Den Country Club, 12284 N Fox Den Dr., Knoxville, TN 37934

April 1- Monday TFGC Dues are Due - Use Form C

April – Is PLANT AMERICA MONTH

April 2- Tuesday - District II Membership Meeting 10:00 a.m. Cheekwood E&G

April 4- - Thursday Cleveland TN BS Marker Dedication

April 8 -Monday- Racheff Board of Governors Meeting 1:00 p.m. EST

April 8 -Monday- Year ‘Round Garden Club Flower Show District II “Victorian Days”

**April 12-14 – “Rhythm and Hues” NGC Flower Show District I Memphis
Garden Club Dixon Gallery**

April 17- Suburban GC NGC Flower Show – District I “The South Shall Rise Again”

**April 20-Saturday- DIV Tuckaleechee Garden Club Annual Plant Sale, Great Smoky Mountain
Heritage Center, 134 Cromwell Dr., Townsend, TN, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**April 23 – Tuesday District III Spring Membership Meeting 9:30 registration
Christ United Methodist Church, 8645 E. Brainerd RD. Chattanooga, TN**

April 26 – Arbor Day (National) TN see March

**May 2- District III Chattanooga- TFGC Ways and Means Herb Program Tentative date – will
confirm 1-26-2024**

May 8- Wednesday District I Presidents’ Meeting

May 13 -Monday- Racheff Board of Governors Meeting 1:00 p.m. EST

**May 15 – Herb Program – Ivan Racheff H&G -TFGC Ways and Means 10:00 EST
Tickets \$20.00 - \$5.00 donated back to your club- Buffet luncheon**

May 24- Friday Herb Program, Lebanon TN College Hills Church of Christ 10:00

May – TBA - Herb Program- District III

June 1 – Saturday TFGC Dues are Delinquent

June 1- Vision of Beauty Calendars Order -through your district chairman

June 2-8- National Garden Week – Plan your project!

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June 2-5 – NGC Convention – Denver, CO

June 10-Monday- Racheff Board of Governors Meeting 1:00 p.m. EST

August 1 – Calendar Deadline to TFGC State Chairman Marilyn Smith mgsmith50@aol.com

August 12-Monday- Racheff Board of Governors Meeting 1:00 p.m. EST

April 22-23-2025

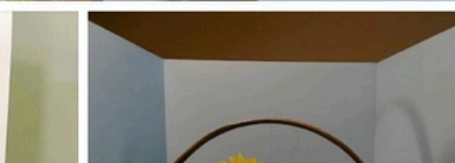
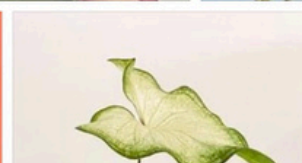
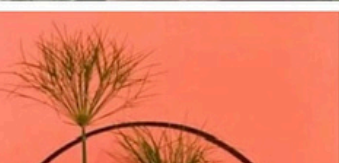
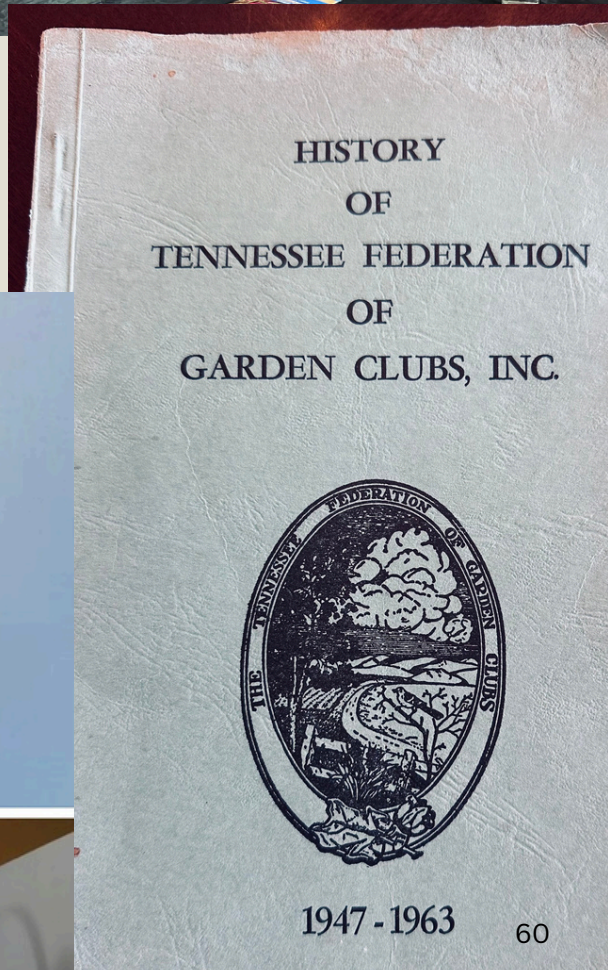
TFGC Annual Convention, Membership Meeting, Awards Banquet, Historic Reed House Hotel,

Chattanooga, TN “Happy Anniversary TFGC !”

Diana Ryder and Anne Leonard Co- Chairmen

May 19-23-2025 NGC Convention Omaha, Nebraska

To add your event email denise@tec63.com









Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.									
Income, Expenditures, and Balances for Various Restricted Funds									
April 1 2023, through December 31, 2023									
	General Investment Fund							...1625	
		Balance @ 09/25/23				30,457.87			
		9/11/23 09 Grants Check #1041-1043				-6,550.00			
		9/11/2023	Grant Check #1044			800.00	*		
		Transfer from 033-88123548160				4,903.52			
		Dividends				1,388.77			
		Balance @ 12/31/23				31,000.16			
			*	President's Fund	17,000.00				
				Benevolent Fund	251.00				
				Undesignated funds	13,749.16				
					31,000.16				
	Life Membership Fund							...2486	
		Balance @ 9/25/23				22,206.20			
		New TFGC Life memberships 10 @ \$75.00 = \$750.00				0.00			
		on 01 2024 report							
		Dividends earned				395.69			
		Balance @12/31/23				22,601.89			
	TFGC Scholarship Fund							...4831	
		Balance @ 9/25/23				11,874.04			
		Donations and calendar sales				635.57			
		Dividends earned				556.22			
		Balance @12/31/23				12,085.45			
	Brainerd Scholarship Fund							...3187	
		Balance @ 9/25/23				30,051.91			
		Dividends earned				535.07		?	
		Balance @12/31/23				30,586.98			
	Total of All Funds								
		Balance @ 9/25/23				94,590.32			
		Income				635.57			
		Total expenditures				-6,500.00			
		Dividends earned				2,875.75			
		Balance @12/31/23				91,601.64			
						Check not cleared *			
				Patty Compton TFGC Assistant Treasurer					

Motion form for Tennessee Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges.

Motions shall be presented to the Judges Council Chairman, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian.

Because these Motions include information pertinent to the TFGC they will also be presented to these State officers in written form-to the President, President-Elect, and Recording Secretary prior to being made. The Recording Secretary reads the motion to membership.

Motion-#1

That we create the position of Corresponding Secretary for the State Judges Council (TCNAFSJ).

Motion made by-Executive Board

Rationale for motion

- In an effort to connect more completely across the state it is felt by the Tn Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges (TCNAFSJ) Executive Board that a Corresponding Secretary position would be able to respond to bereavement or illness to express our concern and care for our membership.**
- The bylaws do not address this position at all.**

Corresponding Secretary's Job Description

- 1. To conduct the correspondence of the Judges Council as directed by the Chairman.**
- 2. Read communications at Judges Council state meetings.**

Date 1/20/2024

Signed,

Executive Board TCNAFSJ 2023-2025

Connie Wallace, State Chairman

Sharon Davis, Vice-Chair

Carole Whited, Recording Secretary

Sara Bowers, Treasurer

Carole Whited, Parliamentarian

Ask for Discussion

Ask for the Vote-All in Favor?

All Opposed?

Motion Approved_____

Motion Failed_____

Motion form for Tennessee Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges.

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Motion-#2

That Tennessee Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges (TCNAFSJ) select the State Officers for the Judges Council. I.E. State Flower Show Credentials Chairman, Flower Show Evaluations Chairman, State Flower Show Schools Chairman, State Symposium Chairman, State Flower Show Schedule Review Chairman.

Motion made by-Executive Board

Rationale for motion

- Though the current Bylaws of TFGC do not address these appointments, it has become practice for the incoming President for TFGC to appoint these officers.**
- In the 2019 manual under Committees, it was noted that” Judges” create a list recommending State Officers and present to President to appoint. We have not been following that guideline.**
- The incoming President may not be a Flower Show Judge and have little to no exposure to this group. It is an unfair burden to ask her to appoint these officers to a “club she doesn’t even belong to” as one President noted.**
- We elect all our other officers. We know the candidates best.**

Date 1/20/2024

Signed,

Executive Board TCNAFSJ 2023-2025

Connie Wallace, State Chairman

Sharon Davis, Vice-Chair

Carole Whited, Recording Secretary

Sara Bowers, Treasurer

Carole Whited, Parliamentarian

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Ask for Discussion

Ask for the Vote-All in Favor?

All Opposed?

Motion Approved_____

Motion Failed_____

**Motion form for Tennessee Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges.
Motions shall be presented to the Judges Council Chairman, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary and
Parliamentarian.**

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State officers in written form-to the President, President-Elect, and Recording Secretary prior to being
made.**

Motion-#3

That State Judges Council Officers must be an active member of a Judges Council.

Motion made by-Executive Board

Rationale for motion

- **State Officers should be active in and connected to the organization they serve.**

Date 1/20/2024

Signed,

Executive Board TCNAFSJ 2023-2025

Connie Wallace, State Chairman

Sharon Davis, Vice-Chair

Carole Whited, Recording Secretary

Sara Bowers, Treasurer

Carole Whited, Parliamentarian

Ask for Discussion

Ask for the Vote-All in Favor?

All Opposed?

Motion Approved_____

Motion Failed_____

Motion form for Tennessee Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges.
Motions shall be presented to the Judges Council Chairman, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary and
Parliamentarian.

Because these Motions include information pertinent to the TFGC they will also be presented to
these State officers in written form-to the President, President-Elect, and Recording Secretary prior
to being made.

Motion-#4
That Student Judges any level may be invited to join Judges Council.

Motion made by-Executive Board
Rationale for motion

- Students bring new energy and enthusiasm to Judges Councils.**
- They need your mentorship and guidance along the way as they take FSS's, judge, write their schedules, and sit for their exams far more than after they become Accredited judges. Belonging to Judges Council almost assures success for the student wanting to become a judge.**
- More Judges Councils than not already invite students to membership.**

Date 1/20/2024
Signed,
Executive Board TCNAFSJ 2023-2025
Connie Wallace, State Chairman
Sharon Davis, Vice-Chair
Carole Whited, Recording Secretary
Sara Bowers, Treasurer
Carole Whited, Parliamentarian

Ask for Discussion
Ask for the Vote-All in Favor?
All Opposed?
Motion Approved_____
Motion Failed_____