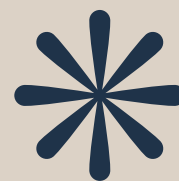


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# *Ivan Racheff House & Gardens & Arboretum*

Tennessee Federation of  
Garden Clubs, Inc.  
State Headquarters



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# The Updated TFGC Website has gone live!



**tngardenclubs.org**

# Message From the TFGC President Lelia Johnson



## HELLO TFGC!

Spring came with so many exciting things for our organization. The “Happy Anniversaries TFGC” Convention was a wonderful and exciting way to celebrate our history, salute the 2023-2025 administration and to begin anew. For District III, the Convention Committees, all the attendees, and especially the co-chairmen Anne Leonard and Diane Ryder, I will be forever grateful.

After the intense annual members meeting, we are moving forward. I opened my first Board of Directors meeting at 8:30 the morning after the Convention closed. I introduced the Executive Board members and enthusiastically shared some of my plans. While I am your president, you are the fuel. Your ideas and input determine our future.

There are questions about the reorganization of Racheff House and Gardens. First, I must share that we learned there can only be one Board of Directors in a corporation. Racheff must be a committee with representation on the Executive Board. Titles are easy, details are not. Both are in process, with the TFGC Executive officers serving in interim positions. Having held two meetings at Racheff, I am delighted to say that half of the necessary positions have been filled. Consider this your personal invitation to join the effort to sustain Headquarters. Take a chairmanship, work on a committee, come to the July 24<sup>th</sup> workday or bring a team to work at a convenient time. No matter where you are in the state, be a part of this effort.



# Message From the TFGC President

Zoom is coming to TFGC! It is a cloud-based audio video platform. Translated, that means no driving, casual attire, requiring only your internet-connected PC or portable device. While it should be a cost savings long term, you will be required to provide your own meals. 😊

Have you been to [tngardenclubs.org](http://tngardenclubs.org)? Our web gurus, Janeene Larkin Horn and Shannon Thurman have launched the site. The Executive Board even has a password protected section. (There must be some perks for all this work.) These talented women are moving us forward. Send them your suggestions and your District and Club news and event schedules.

Although it is summer, plan your projects and submit for the Endowment Grants. Together we are “Planting Tennessee with Years of Growth and a Century of Green.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lelia Haley Johnson". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lelia" starting with a large capital 'L' and the last name "Johnson" ending with a long, sweeping tail.

**Lelia Haley Johnson**  
**2025-2027 TFGC President**



## **Note from LaQuita Misner 2025-2027 TFGC President-Elect**

**WOW! Wow is the only word I can say at this point in time, two months after accepting the honor of Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs president-elect. What an exciting time it was in Chattanooga to be celebrating almost 100 years of TFGC where it all began. Anne Leonard and Diane Ryder and their team were inspired and breathed that inspiration into all of us to carry it forward. Their wonderful celebration will be a guide to District IV in creating our next convention and flower show in 2027.**

**The convention was a wonderful learning experience and I tried to take it all in. So many of our garden club members never see the layer upon layer of activity that happens across the state 365 days a year. Thanks to Lelia, I am getting a first-hand look at everything that is happening and it is at the same time, exciting and daunting. I have been printing bylaws, standing rules, manuals at all levels to try and get up to speed. We are a busy and vital organization with so many moving parts that depend on each other. I am impressed with the volunteers who have stepped into roles and see the excitement that they hold for TFGC. We are in good hands.**

**It was wonderful to visit District II in June for a three-club meeting in Murfreesboro. What a sweet group of ladies who took me in from the moment I got there, hobbling on one good leg. Rescuing me from the parking lot and helping me into the building, the members of Optimistic Gardeners, Garden Lovers, and Flower Growers treated me like a member of the family.**



# **Note from LaQuita Misner**

## **2025-2027 TFGC President-Elect**

**The program from Becky Fox Matthews was fun and the gift of coleus from the plant sale so nice. Thank you all for your kindness.**

**On to a Board of Directors meeting also in Murfreesboro the next week, my travels continued. This meeting was very informative, especially learning about the new website and its workings from Janeene Larkin Horn and Shannon Thurman. And it was another chance to continue the pairing of faces and names. I promise to get the right report in the right spot on the agenda next time!**

**Throw a couple of Racheff re-organization meetings in there and you've got a picture of what I have gotten to experience.**

**I take seriously the honor you have bestowed on me, to assist the president however she might ask, to support the officers and members by learning all I can about how our organization operates, and to be a conduit of ideas and information to forge our path forward.**

**Thank you for the opportunity.**

*LaQuita Misner*

**LaQuita Misner  
TFGC President-elect 2025-2027**

TFGC Endowment Trust Fund Report  
June 10, 2025

The following Endowment Trust Fund (ETF) Report reflects all the activity that has transpired since the State convention for the transfer of responsibility to the new 2025-2027 Endowment Trust Trustees.

The 2025-2027 ETF trustees are Leila Johnson (TFGC President), LaQuita Misner (TFGC President-Elect), Marilyn Smith (TFGC Treasurer), Evelyn Davis (TFGC Assistant Treasurer, District III Trustee and ETF Treasurer), Chris Kelyman (District I Trustee and ETF Chairman), Becky Fox Matthews (District II Trustee and ETF Vice Chairman) and Dr. Jan Brown (ETF Recording Secretary and District IV Trustee).

On Thursday, May 29, 2025 Chris Kelyman, Trustee Chairman, polled by email the other six trustees with a slate of officers for the ETF with a unanimous consent via email. The ETF 2025-2027 officers are Chris Kelyman Chairman, Evelyn Davis Treasurer and Dr. Janet Brown Recording Secretary. On June 10 at a brief ETF meeting Becky Fox Matthews was unanimously voted to serve as Vice Chair.

The May 31, 2025 current balance for the ETF three Vanguard Funds combined is \$194,711.27.

All trustees received by email attachments a copy of Agreement and Declaration of Trust Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. with the 2021 amendment, Guidelines for All Trustees, Duties of the Chair, Additional Guidelines for District Trustees, a template of a promo all district trustees can send to their District Presidents announcing the opportunity for clubs to apply for TFGC Endowment Trust Fund Matching Grants, copies of the ETF matching Grant Application and Information Sheet for review and a copy of contact information for the seven Endowment Trust Trustees.

As ETF grant applications from clubs are received by District Trustees with a deadline of September 1, 2025, they will be sent to Chris Kelyman for transmittal via email to all trustees for review. A ZOOM session will be set up in September sometime after September 1 for distribution of funds to applying TFGC clubs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Kelyman  
ETF Chairman



# Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

## Endowment Trust Fund Contributions April 1 – July 2, 2025

### Endowment Trust Fund Balance

4-1-2025: \$185,731.02

7-2-2025: \$200,531.87

2025 - 2027 Deposits	Donor Name	District	Garden Club	Honoring	Remembering
1	Four Seasons Garden Club	III	Four Seasons		
2	Karen Dawson	II	Town & Country	Denise Thorne	
3	Tove Rawlings	II	Country Homes	Denise Thorne	
4	Rachel Jackson Garden Club	II	Rachel Jackson		Lynna Jackman
5	Country Homes Garden Club	II	Country Homes	Denise Thorne	
6	Karen Dawson	II	Town & Country		John Michael Rawlings
7	Mountain Laurel Garden Club	IV	Mountain Laurel		
8	Garden Lovers Garden Club	II	Garden Lovers		
9	Germantown Garden Club	I	Germantown	Lucie Calvin	
10	June Gilmore	II	Volunteer		Pat Best & John Michael Rawlings

# Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest!

Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest!

## POSTER RULES AND TIPS

1. All poster entries must be sponsored by a recognized local garden club.
2. Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and may NOT feature both together.
3. Smokey Bear posters MUST include Smokey's wildfire prevention message:  
**Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!**
4. Woodsy Owl posters MUST include Woodsy's conservation message:  
**Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!**
5. Each poster **MUST** be **11x17** inches in size.
6. A good poster has a bold and simple design. The message should be easily understood, both in picture and in text.
7. Materials that can be used include crayons, markers, poster paints, watercolors, etc. The choice of paper is up to the child. Posters may include artwork pasted upon a second piece of paper. However, they must be flat. No three-dimensional posters, computer-scanned, or electronically-generated material will be accepted.
8. The artist's name, address, phone number, grade, school, teacher's name, city, and state must be printed on the back of the poster in the lower right corner. Please print the poster sticker from the NGC website; then paste or tape to the back of each poster.
9. Each poster MUST also show the sponsoring local garden club name and city.
10. Posters are created by individual student artists.
11. Students should check spelling. Posters with spelling errors will be disqualified.
12. Posters are judged for originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.  
**NOTE:** Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are official icons protected by law, the colors of their clothing MUST be accurate. Check the colors on [www.symbols.gov](http://www.symbols.gov). For free participation certificates, click "NGC Poster Contest" on this site. A poster may include just the head of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl or their whole body. Woodsy Owl vintage images may also be used.
13. Winning posters should be copied as they will not be returned.
14. Visit the [National Garden Clubs website](http://www.nationalgardenclubs.org) and the symbols website for further contest details.
15. Only 5 first-place posters in the TFGC competition will be entered in regional competition. Regional winners will be entered in the national competition. National entries become the property of NGC.
16. Please complete the *Local Winning Poster Report* and *Local Accountability Report Form* and send with posters. These forms can be printed from the NGC website, under Projects, Youth and Scholarships, Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest.



**IMPORTANT:** TFGC clubs participating in this contest should have their Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl chair mail only 5 posters. Those 5 first-place posters should be sent to the TFGC Chair, Phyllis Allen, by Jan. 20, 2026, to 2975 Devonshire Cove, Germantown, TN 38139. Posters can also be sent via FedEx or UPS.



- **MEETINGS**
- **WORKDAY AT RACHEFF**
- **LUNCHEON**
- **FLOWER SHOWS**
- **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLUBS**



A close-up photograph of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes draped over a white surface.

**T F G C**  
**District II**

# **Presidents' Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 8, 2025**  
**at 10am**

**Harpeth Presbyterian Church**  
**3077 Hillsboro Road Brentwood**  
**All District II Club Members Welcome**

**(District II Board of Directors**  
**Meeting will be at 9:00am.)**

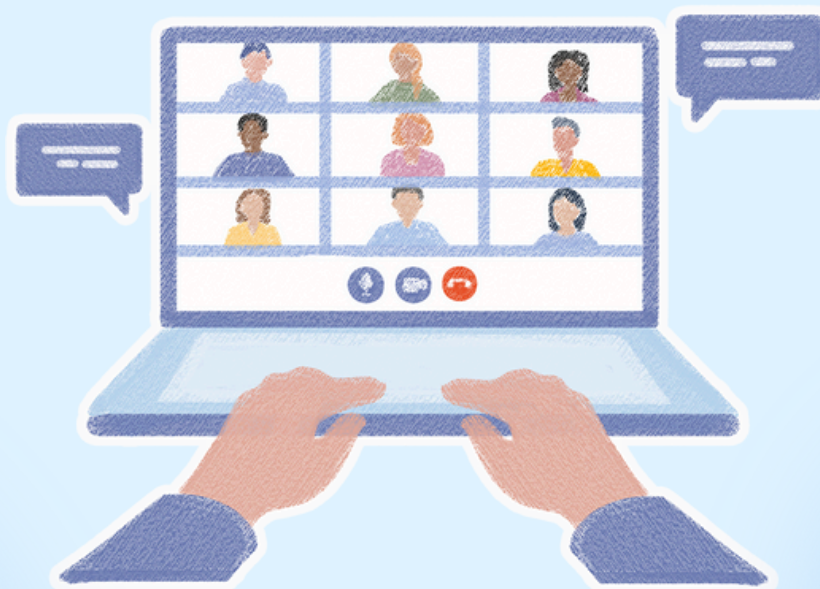


**TFGC Board of Directors Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 22, 2025**

**10:00 am EST**

**Sign-on details will be sent via email.**





# WORKDAY AT RACHEFF HOUSE & GARDENS!

Thursday | 9:00am – 12:00pm | 1943 Tennessee Ave.  
July 24, 2025 | Eastern Time | Knoxville, TN 37921

Bring yourself or a group to work in the Children's Garden, wildflower, lily beds & *Plant It Pink* beds!

Join Us!







You're cordially invited to a  
***"Plant it Pink"***

Luncheon and Plant/Seed Swap/ & Program on  
Pink flowers and friends in the Summer Garden

Monday, August 11, 2025 10:00 am EST

All proceeds go to restoring the Plant it Pink  
Garden at the Racheff House & Gardens

1943 Tennessee Ave.  
Knoxville, TN 37921  
\$15.00 to IRH&G



Memo Plant it Pink Garden  
Mail to: IRH&G Treasurer Karen Dawson  
2499 Sugar Flat Road  
Lebanon, TN 37087

Luncheon  
Tea Sandwiches / Pink filling  
Pasta Salad with Pink Garnish  
Pink Fluff Salad  
Pink Cupcake or Cookie  
Pink Lemonade



# “Birds, Bees, Flowers & Trees”

Flower Show presented by

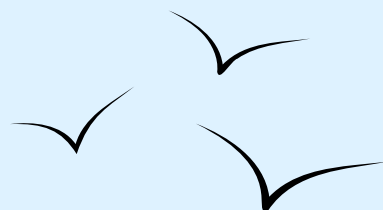
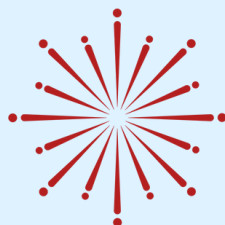
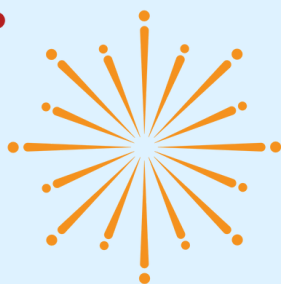
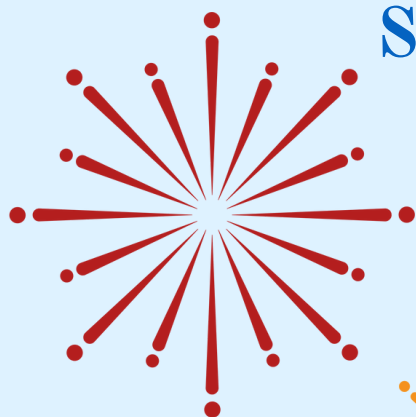


## *Flower Lovers Circle*

at the Middle Tennessee District Fair

in Lawrenceburg, TN

September 18-27, 2025





The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with a subtle pattern of falling leaves. Large, detailed oak leaves in shades of red, orange, and green are positioned at the top corners. Several glowing orange lanterns with tassels are scattered across the upper half. Smaller, simpler leaves are scattered throughout the lower half.

# **“Autumn: Transformation of Light and Color”**

**AN NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**

**PRESENTED BY  
SHADY OAKS GARDEN CLUB**

**AT  
FISCHMAN GALLERY AT ATELIER 133  
133 NORTH COMMERCE STREET  
JOHNSON CITY, TN 37604**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025**

**2:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**OPEN AND FREE TO THE PUBLIC**





# The Rachel Jackson Garden Club presents



An NGC Petite Small-Standard Flower Show

## Thursday, October 16, 2025

Staged at *Through the Grapevine* Banquet Suite 190  
630 Broadmor Boulevard  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129-0902

Show viewing hours 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm

Show closes at 2:30 pm

OPEN AND FREE TO THE PUBLIC



# TFGC District IV

## Fall Membership Meeting

Friday, October 17, 2025

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fox Den Country Club

12284 North Fox Den Drive

Knoxville, TN 37934



# Guidelines for *Volunteer Gardener (VG)* Submissions



## Deadlines for Submissions:

- January 1 for *Winter VG*
- April 1 for *Spring VG*
- July 1 for *Summer VG*
- October 1 for *Fall VG*

## Starting with the Fall 2025 VG:

- Limit of one article per club per *VG* edition
- A “Message from the District Director” is welcomed from all Districts in each *VG* edition.
- The *VG* editor wants to be fair to all four TFGC Districts in sharing information in the magazine. If the editor receives a disproportionate number of articles from one District, articles & photos will be included in the order they were received, and some articles may be saved for the next *VG* edition.
- Format of articles: Because there are many levels of technologic sophistication among club members, the editor will accept a full spectrum of submissions:
  - simply a text or email with photos and a description of the club project without any formatting, and the editor will format it for you.
  - Please list names of club members in the photos, L. to R.
  - Word or Adobe PDF document is acceptable.
- If there are photos of youth and your club does not have written parental consent to publish the youth’s photo, the youths’ faces will be obscured.
- Length of article:
  - Max of 3 pages if submitted in Word or PDF format
  - Max of 10 photos if photos and text/article are submitted without formatting
- If you have creative club members who like to write or take photos, please encourage them to submit articles, poems or photos that would be of interest to TFGC. The member and their club will be recognized in a “Special Feature”.

Thanks,  
Anna Marie Allen  
*Volunteer Gardener* Editor  
[annabanana7@comcast.net](mailto:annabanana7@comcast.net)  
text: 615-477-3030





Hi Garden Club Presidents,



The VG Editor would really appreciate your assistance.

Please forward this emailed *Volunteer Gardener* Magazine to your Garden Club members to keep everyone informed and inspired.



THANK  
YOU!







# Club News

**Thanks to all who submitted photos and articles for the Summer edition of the Volunteer Gardener Magazine!**

**Please send your club's news, upcoming events and triumphs to:**

**Anna Marie Allen**

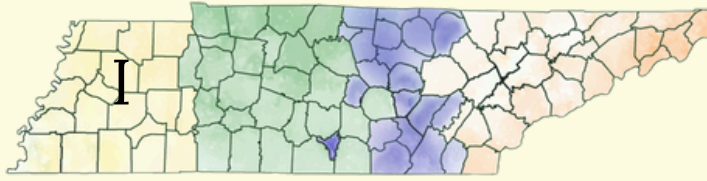
**[annabanana7@comcast.net](mailto:annabanana7@comcast.net)**

**text: 615-477-3030**

**Deadline for submissions for the Fall Volunteer Gardener Magazine is October 1, 2025**



# TFGC DISTRICT I



## District I Officers:

### Director:

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### Vice-Director:

Pam Reiners

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### Recording Secretary:

Peggy Turnipseed

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### Corresponding Secretary:

Brenda Hise

mudville48@aol.com

### Treasurer:

Lois Hobby Clayton

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## District I Garden Clubs

- 901 Garden Club
- Bartlett Garden Club
- Blossom Way Garden Club
- Collierville Garden Club
- Cordova Garden Club
- Dyersburg Garden Club
- Garden Club of Rosemark
- Germantown Garden Club
- Interpreters Study Group
- Kennedy View Garden Club
- Little Garden Club of Memphis
- Memphis Garden Club
- Paris Garden Club
- Pearl Hooper Garden Club
- Poplar Estates Garden Club
- Scenic Hills Garden Club
- Shelby East Garden Club
- Southwind Garden Club
- Suburban Garden Club
- Tipton Fleur de Lis Garden Club
- Trenton Garden Club





# District I

## Cordova Garden Club



Celebrating  
National  
Garden Week  
at the *Dixon  
Gallery and  
Gardens* in  
Memphis



Floral display at  
Cordova Library





# District I

## Cordova Garden Club

Celebrated 25 years of Love for  
Gardening, Friendship, and Community  
Outreach with a Garden Tea Party



Submitted by club president Deena Abeysekera



# District I

## Dyersburg Garden Club

The Dyersburg Garden Club celebrated National Garden Week with the signing of the proclamation in the Mayor's Office on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Following the signing, members met at the Blue Star Marker bed at Okeena Park for a picture with the National Garden Week sign that was erected there. This is a very busy, major street in Dyersburg, and the sign is visible for all passersby to see. To commemorate National Garden Week, members also took floral arrangements to public facilities and nursing homes.



Submitted by Sherry Dunlap  
Youth photo release on file



# District I

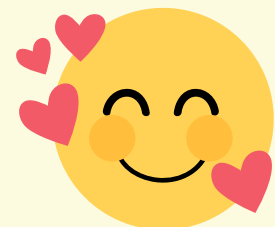
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## Germantown Garden Club

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Club members of Germantown Garden Club have been told by the teachers at Madonna Learning Center that the day before Mother's Day is one of the most favorite days for the students. The students create a beautiful bouquet for their mothers on that day. Club chairs Kathy Russo and Carol Symeon solicit donations of flowers from Kroger and Costco and pick up buckets of flowers on Wednesday. The flowers are prepped by eight members on Thursday and bows for vases are made. On Friday morning the students file into the foyer, class by class for two hours and work with 10 to 12 members of Germantown Garden Club in a one-on-one process to select the flowers they want in the arrangement they are creating for their mothers. Members help with suggestions and design and tie bows and student-signed cards on the vases. The majority of the students at Madonna Learning Center have Down Syndrome and/or various neurological disorders. They all have one thing in common however, the biggest smile on their faces when carrying away their beautiful arrangement to present to their mom at pickup time. Teachers and staff also make bouquets for their loved ones, and over 100 filled vases decorate rooms throughout the school for the rest of the day. This day is also a favorite activity of our club members working beside the student to suggest flowers that complement each other and to have a conversation with a student about the flowers they are choosing. It's a feel good therapeutic activity that everyone appreciates and enjoys yearly. We can show their faces in the pictures because every parent signs media releases for the school to feature the students in fundraising, print or digital sites for this special needs community. We know that you will smile too when you see their happy faces.

Submitted by Phyllis Allen



# District I

## Germantown Garden Club



Germantown Garden Club members assisted students at the Madonna Learning Center in Germantown, TN with making Mother's Day floral arrangements





# District I

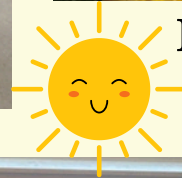
## Germantown Garden Club



Carol Symeon



Lucie Calvin



Marlene Norman





# District I

## Little Garden Club of Memphis



### *Memphis Moves Me*

The Little Garden Club of Memphis celebrated a Garden Club of America (“GCA”) Flower Show on April 24, 2025, at the Memphis Botanic Garden. *MEMPHIS MOVES ME* showcased floral design classes that spotlighted Elvis Presley, Beale Street, and the ever bustling city of Memphis. Photography classes “focused” on images of a native plant, city landmarks, images of a train or rail yard, and a judges’ class requiring two separate images combined to make one installation.

The beautiful April weather helped to produce over 300 horticultural entries for the show. Roses and peonies took center stage and lots of ribbons! Little Garden Club of Memphis (LGC) member and Horticulture judge, Gina White was awarded the inaugural Lynn Fulton Horticulture Award, available only to an LGC member, for excellence in horticulture for an entry distinguished by its pristine condition and perfection of grooming.

The Education Division highlighted the adverse impact that artificial light at night can have on bird migration.

The show’s judges traveled from across GCA Zone IX, which includes Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The night before the show, they were treated to a delicious dinner in the home of one of our club members. Over 200 members and guests enjoyed the “Boast & Toast” celebration following the judging.

# District I

## Little Garden Club of Memphis



Gina White was awarded the inaugural Lynn Fulton Horticulture Award for her flawless cut collection of flowers from her garden.



Gina White and Lynn Fulton celebrate Gina's horticultural achievement.



Peonies were in abundance in the horticulture division.





# District I

## Little Garden Club of Memphis



Kim MacQueen and Garnett Hutton created an educational display on how light pollution affects our bird life.



Barton Lynch and Kathryn Painter, members of Memphis Garden Club, won Best in Show for their floral design interpreting Elvis's Blue Suede Shoes.



Margaret Fraser, member of the Little Garden Club of Memphis, won the novice award in photography for her stunning photo of a buckeye pod.



Flower Show Chairs Sue Clark and Michelle Dunavant celebrate the success of "Memphis Moves Me".



# District I

## Scenic Hills Garden Club

Scenic Hills Garden Club held their annual Plant and Baked Goods Sale on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at the park by Lochnevin Lake in Scenic Hills. This is our only moneymaking project, and is normally held during National Garden Week, but this year rain caused us to reschedule twice before a dry Saturday finally arrived. We have been blessed over the years with support from Scarbrough Plants, Inc. who donated a carload of plants. These supplement the plants brought from members' yards. Our members answer questions and teach our neighbors about the plants we are selling. We look forward to the sale each year as a way to meet our neighbors and beautify Scenic Hills.



Claudia Carr



Ann McCormick



Chris Glover



Pat Lewis & Susan Schmidt



Epimedium for sale

Submitted by club president

Susan Schmidt



# District I

## Shelby East Garden Club



Ladies of the Shelby East Garden Club enjoyed a spring walk on the Bluebird Trail of the Bobby Lanier Farm Park, which is a site of the Eastern Bluebird Conservation effort.



Submitted by Barbara McAdams, Publicity Chair



# District I

## Shelby East Garden Club

A festive atmosphere was ensured when we each wore a fascinator at the April meeting. The meeting agenda included installation of new officers, and of course, a big thank you to those going out of office.



Outgoing Officers (l.-r.):  
Barbara Gassaway—2<sup>nd</sup> VP;  
Cindy Kessler—Membership;  
Bet Hurdle—Programs;  
Peggy Turnipseed—President;  
Phyllis Agnew—Secretary;  
Sammie Frazier—Treasurer



Incoming Officers (l.-r.):  
Barbara Gassaway—2<sup>nd</sup> VP;  
Phyllis Agnew—President;  
Cindy Kessler—Secretary;  
Bet Hurdle—Chair-  
Nominating Committee;  
Cheryl Hausmann—1<sup>st</sup> VP &  
Programs;  
Sammie Frazier—Treasurer



# District I

## Shelby East Garden Club



New President, Phyllis Agnew, hosted her first Board meeting in her home.



A favorite of the Shelby East Garden Club and active citizen extraordinaire of the Town of Collierville, Peggy Turnipseed, was recognized for her enduring support of her community and for the Morton Museum of Collierville History. A raised bed vegetable garden dedicated to Peggy sits in the garden area of the Museum's well-tended property.



# District I

## Shelby East Garden Club

The annual Flower Show, hosted by Shelby East Garden Club, Petal Palette “The Art of Gardening”, was hosted at the Morton Museum in June. The show included original art and photography by members, fabulous arrangements and horticulture from members’ gardens—letting attendees see firsthand what grows best in our area.



Club members welcomed 2025-2027 District I Director Jacqueline Walker to the Flower Show.



Horticulture



Members ready to welcome guests



# District I

## Shelby East Garden Club



(l-r): Cindy Kessler, Chris Kelyman (2023-2025 District I Director & current TFGC Endowment Trust Fund Chair), Peggy Turnipseed



Peggy Turnipseed



Young attendees learned about Fairy Gardens



# District I

## Southwind Garden Club

The Southwind Garden Club strikes again!

These wonderful ladies and their helpers (husbands) were busy doing the Spring planting at the Chucalissa Museum in Memphis.





# TFGC District II



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## District II Garden Clubs

- Beachaven Garden Club
- Ben Lomand Garden Club
- Brentwood Garden Club
- Camden Garden Club
- Clarksville Garden Club
- Country Homes Garden Club
- Evening Belle Garden Club
- First Saturday Garden Club
- Flower Growers Garden Club
- Flower Lovers Circle
- Franklin County Garden Club
- Garden Lovers Club
- Gateway Acres Garden Club
- Harpeth Bend Garden Club
- Hendersonville Garden Club
- Iris City Garden Club
- Lake Forest Acres Garden Club
- Lebanon Road Garden Club
- Leipers Fork Garden Club
- Les Candides Garden Club
- New Neighbors Garden Club
- Oak Hill Garden Club
- Optimistic Gardeners Club
- Rachel Jackson Garden Club
- Shady Grove Garden Club
- Shelbyville Garden Club
- T.A.G.S.
- Town & Country Garden Club
- Tyne Meade Garden Club
- Volunteer Garden Club
- Year Round Garden Club
- Warner Park Garden Club



# District II

## First Saturday Garden Club

Members of the First Saturday Garden Club attended or assisted with the Cheatham County and Genealogical Association *Steeped in History* Tea.

A good time was had by all!



Members George Anne Raines and Joyce Williams with Tracy Williams Raines



Member George Anne Raines talking to member Melissa Womack



First Saturday Garden Club President Caroline Borum with good friend Shirley Walker



# District II



## First Saturday Garden Club



Member Mary Glasgow  
with Nirvana Warren



First Saturday Garden Club table



# District II

## Harpeth Bend Garden Club



Members of the Harpeth Bend Garden Club celebrated National Garden Week by assembling bouquets in mugs, then delivered “Mugs of Sunshine” to Mulberry Health & Rehabilitation Center in Franklin, TN.



Claudette Ryan, Jean Pickard, Betty Chapman,  
Jennie Daugherty & Anna Marie Allen



# District II

## Iris City Garden Club



The Iris City Garden Club members maintain the herb garden at Travellers Rest in Nashville. They instruct students in the Junior Docent Training Program where students learn how each herb was grown with a purpose.



submitted by Mary Skinner  
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# District II

## Lake Forest Acres Garden Club

“For all those who have served and died for our country, in honor of Memorial Day, three members of Lake Forest Acres Garden Club, Doris Wyatt, Anice Rouse & Dana Caldwell, placed wreaths and flags at the Gold and Blue Star Markers in Mt. Juliet on May 23, 2025. Special thanks go out to Lucricia and Bud Cole for their faithful support of these markers and unwavering patriotism.”



Submitted by Club President, Anice Rouse



# District II

## Optimistic Gardeners Club

The Optimistic Gardeners Club invited Garden Lovers Club & Flower Growers Club, TFGC & Deep South dignitaries to share in the National Garden Week celebration and presentation of National Garden Club Awards for the “*Peter Rabbit’s Garden*” Flower Show, in which all three clubs organized and participated in 2024.



2023-2025 TFGC President & 2025-2027 Deep South Director Denise Thorne presented the NGC Horticulture Specialty Award to Optimistic Gardeners Club —Lillian Hibbett & Linda Peterson, Garden Lovers Club Joan Howell & Judy Rickman & Flower Growers Garden Club president Patty Compton



1st place award for Staging *Peter Rabbit’s Garden* Flower Show: Lynn Rouse, Jeaneen Benedict, Julia Wilson, Dot Taylor, Lillian Hibbett, with Denise Thorne



Lillian Hibbett, Denise Thorne, Lelia Johnson & TFGC President-elect LaQuita Misner



TFGC 2025-2027 president  
Lelia Johnson



# District II

## Year Round Garden Club

Past state president and new director for the Deep South Region Denise Thorne was our special guest. She graciously presented our NGC Club Standard Flower Show Award to Janet McCluskey and Alexa Moscardelli, co-chairs of our 2024 event *Victorian Days*. Our club was deeply honored by the award and having Denise available to share the news with us in person was very special!



Alexa Moscardelli & Janet McCluskey



Janet McCluskey, Linda Weast,  
Denise Thorne & Alexa Moscardelli



# District II

## Year Round Garden Club

Another special highlight of our meeting was the final report on our spring fundraiser. Representing *Valley Growers Garden Center*, Janet McCluskey presented a very generous check to chairman Cindy Howard. This partnership is one of the most important and successful projects YRGC does annually; each of our 25 members works four hours at the center during the Mother's Day event and we are able to fund our projects with the proceeds. Kudos to Janet and PWP Greenhouses for their continued support and to Cindy for her amazing organizational skills and making the event both fun and rewarding.



Janet McCluskey & Cindy Howard



Judy Lea & Coty Gregory admire the horticulture and design entrees from the club members.

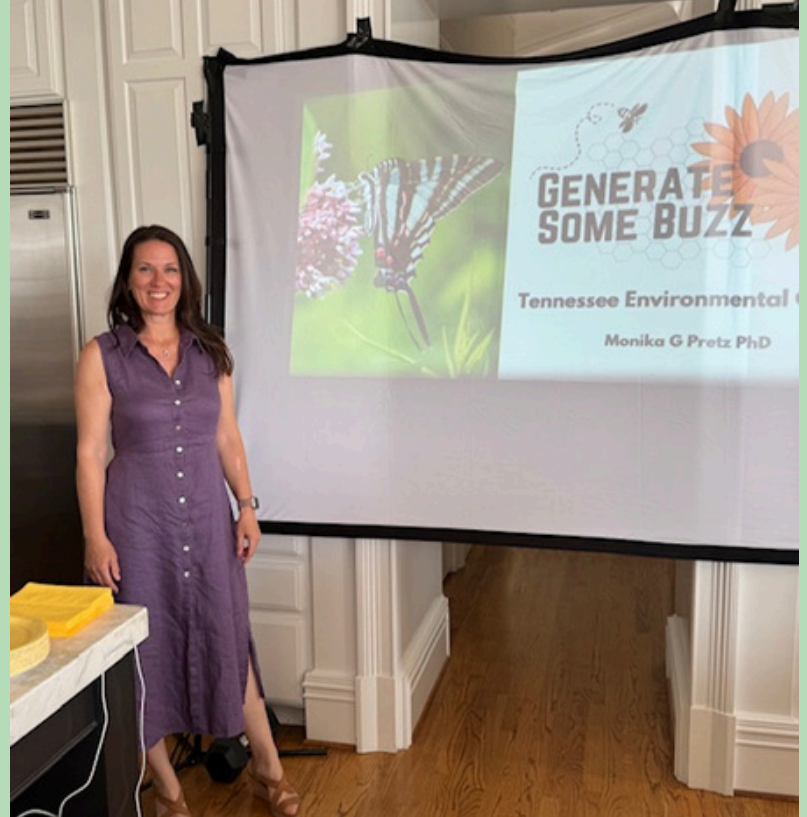


Alexa Moscardelli enjoys the delicious brunch hosted by Cindy Howard & Marjorie Lloyd.

# District II

## Year Round Garden Club

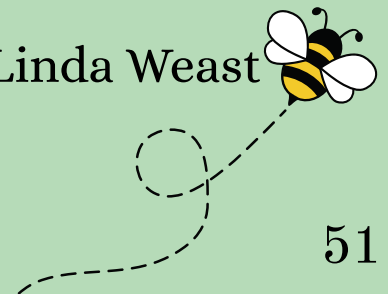
Our guest speaker,  
Dr. Monika Pretz, gave a  
wonderful presentation about  
pollinators and their impact on  
our gardens and environment.  
She also reminded us that we  
have our own pollinator  
garden right here in our  
community.



Dr. Pretz is a Staff Biologist and  
Pollinator Program Leader with The  
Tennessee Environmental Council.



Submitted by Year Round Garden Club President Linda Weast  
and Publicity Chair Marjorie Lloyd





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## District III Garden Clubs

- Aldersgate Garden Club
- Crestwood Garden Club
- Dayton Garden Club “Busy Bees”
- Four Seasons Garden Club
- Garden Club of Signal Mountain
- Hickory Valley Garden Club
- Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club
- Magnolia Garden Club
- Murry Hills Garden Club
- Ocoee Garden Club





## Message from the District III Director Jackie Westfield

Well, summer is in full swing, but the rain in May made our gardens pop!  
Harvesting vegetables is now our job for those of us who do vegetable gardening.  
I hope you all are having a great harvest.

National Garden Week was a huge success in District III.  
These are some of the activities that went on:

Aldersgate Garden Club was busy with the following activities: they met with the Mayor who signed the proclamation declaring National Garden Week. They presented floral arrangements to five pastors' wives as well as recognizing the Yard of the Week for two homes with the Yard of the Week Shovel. We did clean up at our Adopt-A-Spot, and ended the week visiting our newly installed Community Garden where the club holds three plots.

Crestwood Garden Club (CGC) on June 1<sup>st</sup> planted a Drift Rosebush in one container, in two containers planted two purple fountain grasses, and two side ground pots with red and white verbena and blue salvia. CGC will change out the flowers in the fall & spring. Our meetings encourage visitors as we strive to increase our membership.

Four Seasons Garden Club has been busy as well. In April, they resumed their rotating schedule of maintenance for the NGC Certified Pollinator Garden which was started last year at the Historic Rhea County Courthouse. One of the club's artist members created a sign to place among the flowers to celebrate National Garden Week. Four Seasons' June program was provided by "The Happy Birdwatcher", Susan Vandergriff from Dunlap. You might have seen her on Shark Tank. She sells birdseed collections curated for the specific birds in your yard through her website <https://happybirdwatcher.com/>. She recommends dried mealworms for bluebirds because they are insect eaters, not seed-eaters. She gave a spirited talk about creating a bird-friendly environment.

Hickory Valley has been busy as well throughout National Garden Week. Several members helped children at Eastgate Library put together Puddlers for birds, bees and insects. The club made a visit to the Huntsville Botanic Garden, and also had a garden party at the home of a member and toured the garden of a member.

Magnolia Garden Club has been busy as well. They partnered with Bradley Central High School's Agriculture department to eradicate non-native plants. Mr. Hayes their teacher brought out over 27 high school age students to prune, weed eat, and plant native plant species. Magnolia Garden Club has a section on the Cleveland Greenway off North Ocoee Street which is a memorial to Annette Stanbery.

Finally, Murray Hills Garden Club had members that met at the home of Chris Georgeson, chair of the National Garden Week, to make 12 arrangements that were taken to area businesses and special friends of the club. Chris made postcards with National Garden Week and in the club's name to accompany each arrangement.

Enjoy your summer and the blossoms of your flowers.

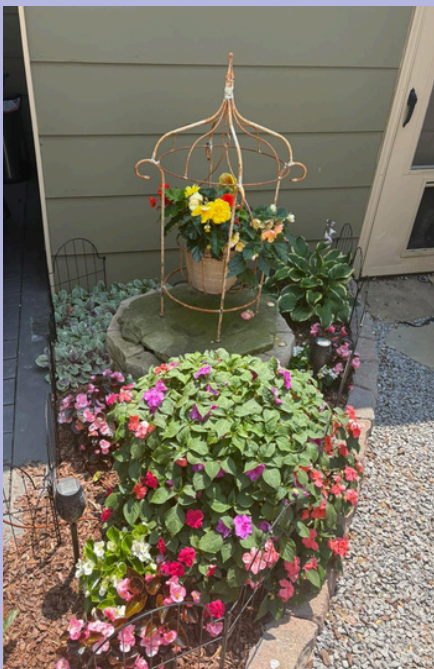
*Jackie*



# District III

## Aldersgate Garden Club

The Aldersgate Garden Club recognizes neighborhood gardens for their beauty and creativity.

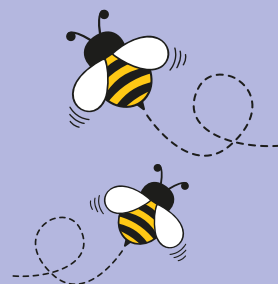




# District III

## Dayton Garden Club “Busy Bees”

The Dayton Garden Club members established and maintain a seasonal airplane-shaped planter at the Mark Anton Airport in Dayton, and participated in “Mark Anton Airport Day” last fall.



Some of the Busy Bees at their June 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting



# District III

## Hickory Valley Garden Club



Hickory Valley Garden Club, District III Chattanooga was federated in 1931. We have 19 active members including five TFGC life members, three Deep South life members, two TFGC Board members, one District III Board member, one Accredited Flower Show Master Judge and one Master Gardener.

The Hickory Valley Garden Club has been busy so far this year! TFGC convention was held in our District this year. Our club did a workshop on fascinators and a few members helped with designs for the tables. We had four entries in the flower show, with two 1<sup>st</sup> places, one 2<sup>nd</sup> place and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Our programs have included seed propagation and stratification, native plant programs at local Arboretum and native center and a private home, including tours of both.

Our projects are: maintaining a planter at our local VA clinic, our local libraries children's program, and Wreaths Across America.

National Garden Week included: a children's butterfly puddler project at the library, a guided tour at the Huntsville Botanic Garden and a garden party at the home of one of our members including a tour of her garden AND another member who lives next door!

Upcoming programs include: "Homemade solutions" (insect repellents, weed killers, and fertilizers), Monarch butterfly program, re-introducing chestnut trees program, Christmas wreath designing, mistletoe folklore, planting a (Xeric) drought resistant garden, "Demystifying Orchids", and recycling, reusing and repurposing at home and in the garden.

# District III

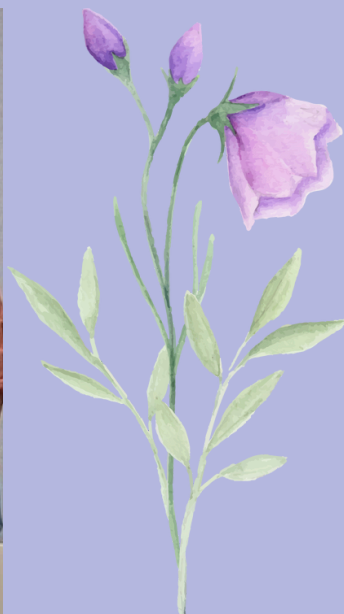
## Hickory Valley Garden Club



Touring Native Plant Garden



Wreaths Across America  
(l-r): Janice Meissner, Barbara Palmer, & Renate McHugh



Library children's program  
back row (l-r): Carolyn Avramovich, Janet Sivils,  
Lisa Graham, Kathy Kulak, Janice Meissner  
front row (l-r): Hannah Lanning, Starr Alexander, Barbara Palmer



# District III

## Hickory Valley Garden Club



Children working  
on their puddlers



Mama Zelda—Giant Troll at Huntsville  
Botanical Garden—was created by  
Thomas Dambo from recycled materials



Huntsville Botanical Garden

back row (l-r): Starr Alexander, Diane Morgan, Lisa Graham,  
Janice Meissner, Barbara Palmer, Carolyn Avramovich,  
Stacey Fox, Kim Mooney, Sally Appel  
front row (l-r): Hannah Lanning, Kathy Kulak, Renate McHugh



# District III

## Hickory Valley Garden Club



Kathy Kulak making a table design for the Convention



Hannah Lanning receiving award for a program she did last year



Convention group wearing our fascinators

(l-r): Janet Sivils, Kathy Kulak, Renate McHugh, Janice Meissner, Carolyn Avramovich, Lisa Graham, Barbara Palmer, Diane Morgan, Starr Alexander, Gail Roberts



VA planter  
(l-r): Barbara Palmer, Janice Meissner, Starr Alexander





# District III

## Garden Club of Signal Mountain

The Garden Club of Signal Mountain met Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at the McCoy Farms Pavilion for a short business meeting and a presentation about the history of the farm, current work going on in the grounds, and upcoming events in the house and grounds.



Member Melissa Nimon is the resident expert on the background, timeline of events, and the treasure on our mountain home in the transfer of the property to our community.



Old photos highlighted the original owners, subsequent keepers, and the historic use of the grounds. New structures and preservation of old buildings is a constant activity by a host of volunteers. Several of the Garden Club members have participated in our community school's education events and many are current docents who conduct tours of the house on Sunday afternoons.

# District III

## Garden Club of Signal Mountain



An upcoming repeat event September 25<sup>th</sup> will present antique and vintage china with a theme of TV Tables around TV programs in the 1950's - 60's and 70's. Tickets will be on sale soon. The china sale is an important fundraiser for the McCoy Farms.

Also in the planning stage is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to be held October 4-5 on the grounds. The community is invited to enjoy the events showcasing the home and property.





# District III

## Garden Club of Signal Mountain

In keeping with the opportunity to walk and appreciate the park-like flower beds, the June hostesses created beautiful table arrangements using local pollinator flowers and wildflowers from the woods and garden of member Linda Davenport.



Hostesses were L-R: Linda Davenport, Jane Welch, Margie Rowland, Marty Roberts, Joy Ludwig, and Delores Murphy



# District III

## Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club

Reprinted from the June 2025  
“Lookout Mountain Mirror” Newspaper



Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club recently hosted its Third Annual Plant Sale, which was bigger and better than ever. Held on a very rainy Saturday morning at the Fairyland Mountain Hall, many people braved the elements to come and shop.



Lilli Meier &  
Ann Brown

Outside, a large selection of plants, spear-headed by Lilli Meier, included native plants, flowers and vegetables, as well as a whole section of plants for a pollinator garden. Inside, Lisa Jenks watched over fabulous gift baskets, original art, and lots of wonderful baked goods.



# District III

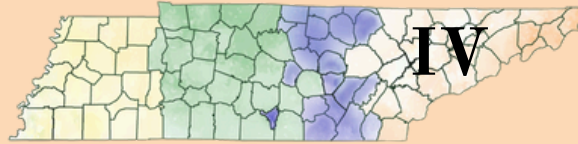
## Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club

Everything was very reasonably priced, and things were selling fast. The divine homemade casseroles were the first to go, with cakes and baked goods moving right away, including the hilarious “slutty brownies” which were decadent. Vanessa Cullars offered many hand-painted items, as did Lisa Jenks, who paints with oils. The gift baskets were amazing, all stuffed with adorable gift items and priced from \$8 to \$35. Precious homemade tutus for children’s garden parties, each with an insect theme were made by Sue Chamberlain. Glenda Warren and her committee arranged several bright and beautiful tablescapes that were so inviting. Set up in the entrance, this was definitely an eye-catching way to greet customers.

The club’s motto “Inspiring a love of gardening to create beauty and preserve nature” was very evident during the event. The monies raised will go to the club’s ongoing projects, which include beautifying and maintaining the terrace garden and the pollinator garden behind the maintenance shed at the Commons, the Fairy Trail Garden at Whitt Road, three Blue Star and Gold Star markers and memorials at Fairyland Park, school projects for two schools and garden therapy at Moccasin Bend. This club will also support its new partnership with the South Chattanooga branch of the public library in St. Elmo, where members conduct workshops and help staff plant for pollinators at the branch.



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## District IV Garden Clubs

- Arissa Garden Club
- Chapman Highway Garden Club
- Crestwood Hills Ladybugs
- Dixie Highway Garden Club
- Eastside Garden Club
- Flower Lovers Garden Club
- Garden Guild Garden Club
- Harrogate Garden Club
- Kanunsita Garden Club
- Knox County Council of Garden Clubs
- Lakemoor Hills Garden Club
- Lenoir City Garden Club
- Mountain Laurel Garden Club
- Norwood Garden Club
- Noweta Garden Club
- Sevierville Garden Club
- Sun-up Garden Club
- Shady Oaks Garden Club
- Tuckaleechee Garden Club
- Town & Country Garden Club
- West Hills Garden Club
- Valley Beautiful Garden Club



# District IV

## Chapman Highway Garden Club

Chapman Highway Garden Club, located in Knoxville continues to help the community and have interesting programs for members. Jan Brown received a grant from Garden America to improve the Children's Garden at Racheff House & Gardens. The club continues work improving the garden for events such as the annual Mustard Seed Camp for area children.

Members Dianne Forry and Carol Linger volunteer monthly at South Knoxville Elementary School, where they coordinate a youth garden club. Events include planting seasonal vegetables and pollinator plants at the school. Vegetables are harvested as children work with a nutritionist to learn how to prepare the food.

The club continues maintaining a new landscape at the South Knoxville Senior Center, which now has many native and pollinator plants. The project was initiated in 2023 with a grant from the TFGC. Members Marcia Doyle and Nancy Howell volunteer regularly to maintain the landscape.

Club members also volunteer at Marble Springs, the home of Tennessee's first governor, John Sevier. Two club members, Sandy Barnes and Nancy Howell, also volunteer with Knox County Master Gardeners at Racheff twice monthly to help maintain the gardens.

Chapman Highway Garden Club members Jan Brown and Sandy Barnes are the new District IV Director and Treasurer respectively. Chapman Highway Garden Club was founded in 1940 and became a federated TFGC club in 1945.



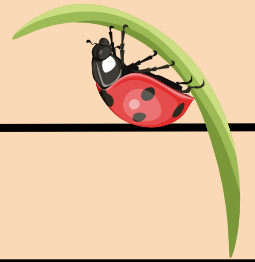
South Knoxville Senior Center landscape by  
Chapman Highway Garden Club



Jan Brown (left) and Sandy Barnes (right)  
are our new District IV officers



# District IV



## Crestwood Hills Ladybugs



Crestwood Hills Ladybugs member Pat Pacia presented our June meeting program on Longwood Gardens.



The Crestwood Hills Ladybugs in front of the Azalea Garden at Racheff House and Gardens, where our June Meeting was held

L. to R.: Sandra Logan, Karen Kennamer, Cynthia Orr, Lillian Garrett, Mary Ann Aiken and Betty Royer



Crestwood Hills Ladybugs members, Mary Ann Aiken, Cynthia Orr & Sandy Bingham weeding at the Crestwood Hills Recreation Center



Crestwood Hills Ladybugs weeding the Azalea Garden at Racheff

L. to R.: Betty Royer, Pat Pacia, Cynthia Orr, and Linda Wimbrow



Submitted by Linda Wimbrow



# District IV

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## Mountain Laurel Garden Club

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Mountain Laurel Garden Club enjoyed the cool rainy spring and enjoyed some great presentations at their meetings. In April the club met at the Maryville College Woods and had a wonderful evening walk in the woods enjoying all the wildflowers. The walk was led by graduating senior, Camden Johnson, who presented members with a lovely full color brochure showing the trails and wildflower locations. Camden had developed this brochure as a part of his studies at the college. The College Woods are a real treasure for our community and open for all to enjoy. Mountain Laurel also had a very successful fundraiser with their annual plant sale the last Saturday in April. Members also had a “bucket of doom” display set up at the sale to inform customers how to control mosquitoes safely.

Melissa Hinten with “Trees Knoxville” was the club’s presenter in May. Members learned about all the work the organization does with parks, cemeteries, public property and individual homeowners. Their goal is to reforest Knoxville and they are doing a great job with over 600 trees planted or donated to the community in the last year.

With native plants and wildscaping becoming more popular each year, June’s program was of interest to all. Millie Rosenberg, owner of West Miller’s Cove Native Plants brought plants and touted the advantage of native plants for our pollinators and wildlife. All of her plants are grown from seeds, cuttings and propagating. She has a permit to collect seeds in the Cherokee National Forest and purchases some from Prairie Moon Nursery. Members learned which trees and plants support the most insects and caterpillars. 96% of North American birds, excluding shore birds, feed their young insects and caterpillars. Millie’s plant stand is located on West Miller’s Cove Rd. in Walland. Check out her Facebook page.

Spring also brought a continuation of work at Fairview School. Since March, members have volunteered a total of 167 hours in the school gardens, including a fun morning with summer school students. Students planted flowers and vegetables and painted flower pots, rocks, and chairs for the gardens. The club also is redoing and improving the pond area with the help of a scout completing his Eagle Scout ranking. The first portion of the pond renewal should be completed by September and will continue through 2026.

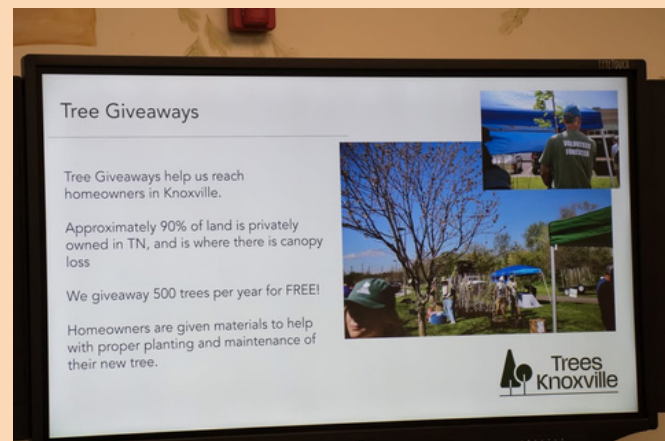
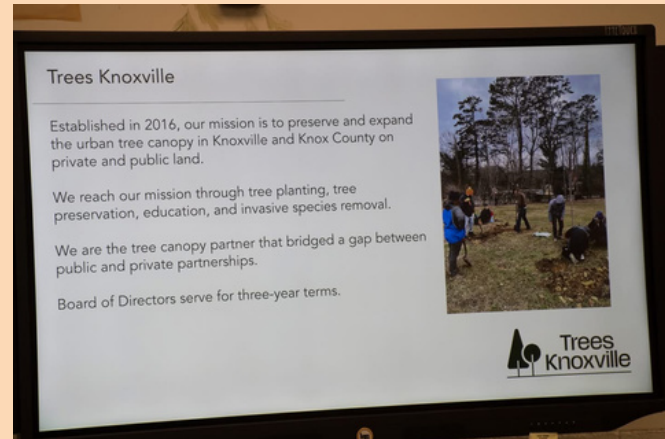
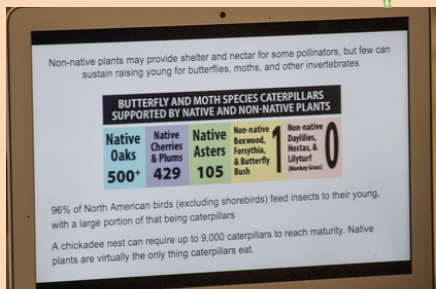
# District IV

## Mountain Laurel Garden Club

### Our Spring Meetings!



April—a walk in *Maryville College Woods* to view wildflowers



May—*Trees Knoxville*



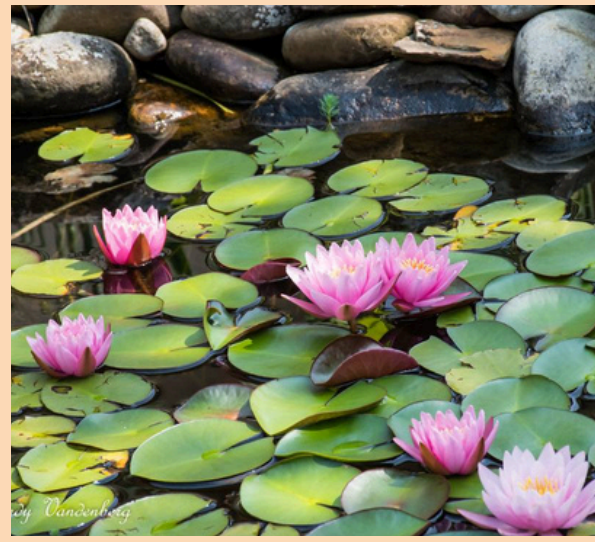
June—Millie Rosenberg from *West Miller's Cove Native Plants*



# District IV

## Mountain Laurel Garden Club

Summer School Children's Project &  
Eagle Scout-led pond project at Fairview School.



Scouts work on the lily garden



Gardening, Pot & Rock Painting with the school children  
Earthworms were a BIG hit!



# District IV

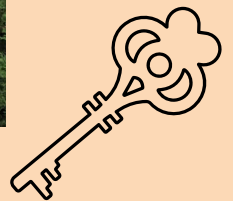
## Mountain Laurel Garden Club

Mountain Laurel Garden Club members transformed the *Secret Garden* at Fairview School that had gotten so overgrown with all the rain that even the maintenance man was afraid to enter! Here are some Before & After photos.

Our brave garden crew turned it into the perfect spot to relax and dream.



Before



During



After



# Sevierville Garden Club

BY MARY RUDEN

The Sevierville Garden Club has been active for 37 years, formed in 1988 to beautify downtown Sevierville. The club objectives are to stimulate people's knowledge of gardening, public interest in horticulture, and to encourage community beautification. They meet the second Wednesday of each month at noon at the King Family Library, except June, July and August. Meetings are open to the public, who can enjoy refreshments and a stimulating program given by a speaker.

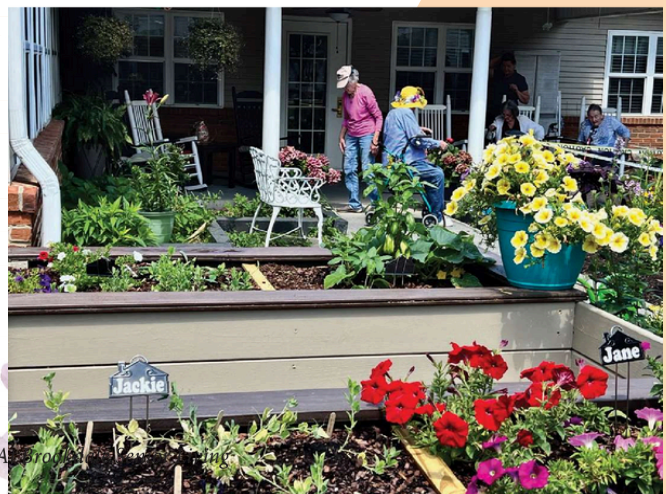
Among the club initiatives are programs such as Seeds & Sprouts for the Boys & Girls Club in Sevierville. Club volunteers such as Karen Miller show the kids how to do beginning horticultural tasks and watch the plants grow. They use a hoop house at the Boys & Girls Club to start the plants and later they can be planted in the native pollinator bed, raised gardening beds there, or the kids can take them home. Karen says, "Helping hands provide guidance to children in the program by helping them learn all aspects of gardening." She and other volunteers from the Sevierville Garden Club have been doing this for about thirty years. They plant seeds, water plants, transplant them, and label them -ready to plant. The experience with plant nurturing is great for kids and may awaken a life-long love of gardening and growing their own food and flowers. Using the Junior Master Gardener curriculum, the students learn to grow and then taste their own vegetables.

The club also works with residents at Brookdale Senior Living in Sevierville. They have developed a garden therapy courtyard, building a waterfall, wildlife area, and accessible raised gardening beds. To help fund these projects, the club hosts a booth at the Wears Valley Fall Festival and sells pumpkins decorated for the fall. Dixie Seaton, who coordinates the Brookdale Garden Club activities says,

*"All of our community projects and interesting programs come together through the fellowship and work of all the SGC members. It is true that those that work together become great friends."*

Sevierville Garden Club is part of District IV of the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., which has other club districts throughout the state. They are also a supporting member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Club members enjoy two district luncheons a year with other garden clubs in the area and hear a speaker talk about gardening or their field of expertise on the subject. Programs may focus on floral design, native plants, outdoor trails, plantings that attract birds, etc. There are flower shows to participate in also; some are held at the historic Ivan Racheff House & Gardens & Arboretum in Knoxville, a national historic landmark and headquarters for the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs.

If you are ready to enjoy the programs, sow some seeds and watch things flower, come join us. Visitors are welcome to meetings and you can check out upcoming programs on our Facebook page (Sevierville Garden Club) or email us to receive the monthly newsletter at SeviervilleGardenClub@gmail.com.





# District IV

## Shady Oaks Garden Club

The last garden for our National Garden Week celebration was the pinnacle of perfection!

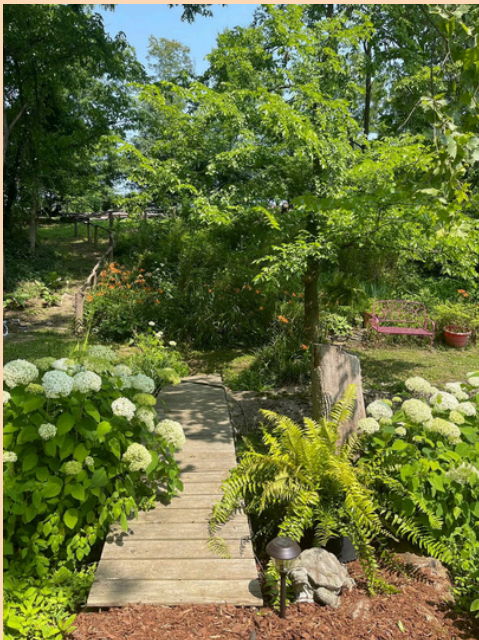




# District IV

## Shady Oaks Garden Club

We took an amazing tour of Rockhouse Gardens in Jonesborough! Beautiful plants and helpful gardening and landscaping hints made it especially interesting.  
Well worth the trip.



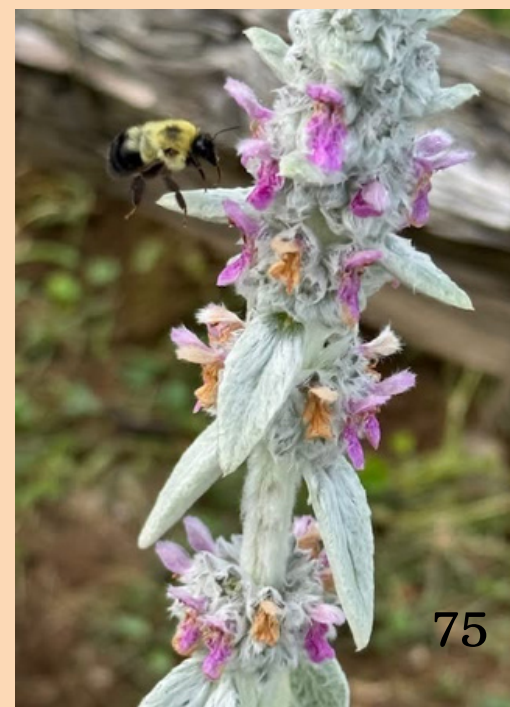


# District IV

## Tuckaleechee Garden Club



The Tuckaleechee Garden Club celebrated National Garden Week at the Smoky Mountain Heritage Kitchen Garden. There were fun activities for the kids—scavenger hunt in the garden, harvesting vegetables, and Cherokee leaf pounding.





# District IV

## Tuckaleechee Garden Club







# Fling 2025

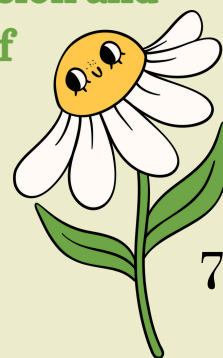
## Comes to Memphis



Memphis was the destination of the yearly gathering of “Flingers” who are social media influencers, Instagrammers, writers, photographers, YouTube, Facebook in TikTok posters and podcasters who focus on gardening and the joy of traveling to new cities to discover its gardens. The effort to bring Flingers from all over the US and abroad was led by Kim Halyak and Sharron Johnson of Cooper Young Garden Club in Memphis. Their committee included Tatyana Jankov of Germantown Garden Club, Pam Beasley of Suburban Garden Club and John Simi of Memphis University School. In all, 72 Flingers came to stay in downtown Memphis and were bused from their hotel at 7:30 AM and returned anywhere from 6-9 PM. The goal was to show what kind of a community Memphis was by visiting gardens in different areas and neighborhoods and to change perceptions about the city and its suburbs.

Tour destinations included the Memphis River Garden Park, Tom Lee Park, Memphis Botanic Garden, the Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Bobby Lanier Farm Park and Germantown Harvest Gardens Flower Farm in Germantown, and New Hope Christian Academy in Frayser. Home gardens in Germantown, East Memphis, Midtown, Cooper Young, and Bartlett were visited rain or shine on the weekend. Flingers shopped at Palladio Interiors and Garden and Millstone Market and Nursery. They saw a demonstration by designer John Mark Sharpe and enjoyed cocktail buffets, toured Annesdale Mansion and grounds, and ate at a chuckwagon cookout provided by the City of Germantown and area garden clubs.

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Volunteers from Suburban Garden Club & Germantown Garden Club manned the buses and decorated the Farm Park Pavilion. They cooked and served a southern lunch of burgers, grilled by Park Rangers and complemented with salads and sides by the garden club ladies. They completed with a National Chuckwagon Cooking Competition Award Winning bourbon peach pie cooked by Steve Gibson, National Champion Chuckwagon Master. The Flingers were greeted by Germantown Mayor Mike Palazzolo and listened to Bluegrass music by Davey Ray Bennett. After the lunch the visitors enjoyed touring the 10 acre “working model of a community based suburban farm park which demonstrates, promotes, educates and advocates for a sustainable, healthy and supportive community”. The Farm Park features a community garden, children’s programming, summer Farmer’s Market and visiting farm animals. After lunch, there were more gardens in East Memphis to tour until the tour came to an end. A bonus day of touring in the Cooper Young Neighborhood was optional, and half of the Flingers stayed to see the unique gardens of this neighborhood that inspired the mid-May weekend Cooper Young Garden Walk and the now expanded Experience Memphis Gardens six week event in gardens all over Memphis and its suburbs.

We hope that the Flingers will spread the word that Memphis has a vibrant garden community that is proud to entertain visitors from all over the US and the world. The Fling started in Austin, Texas and will be in Buffalo, New York next year. If you enjoy gardening, garden design, looking at gardening magazines, own a nursery or gardening business, or love garden photography, this tour is for you. Flingers enjoy sharing their garden travel experiences with each other and make friends in many destinations. Thank you to Kim Halyak and Sharron Johnson for your vision to bring this to Memphis June 5-9, 2025.

I was a docent in the garden of Tatyana Jankov and enjoyed meeting a lot of the Flingers including Allison Whitely of Australia. The pictures are from Tatyana’s gardens and the luncheon at Bobby Lanier Farm Park.

Phyllis Allen, Germantown Garden Club



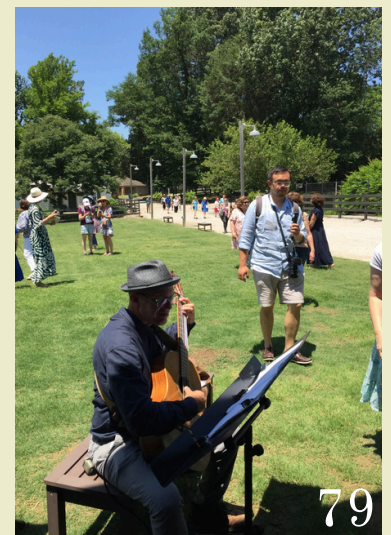




**Germantown Garden Club  
Volunteers in Tatyana's Garden;  
L to R: Becky Priddy, Carol  
Symeon, Tatyana Jankov, Lucie  
Calvin, Kathy Russo, Phyllis Allen**



**Sharron Johnson,  
Germantown Mayor  
Mike Palazzolo, Kim Halyak**



**Luncheon at Bobby Lanier Farm Park; delicious buffet food;  
Bluegrass musician Davey Ray Bennett**



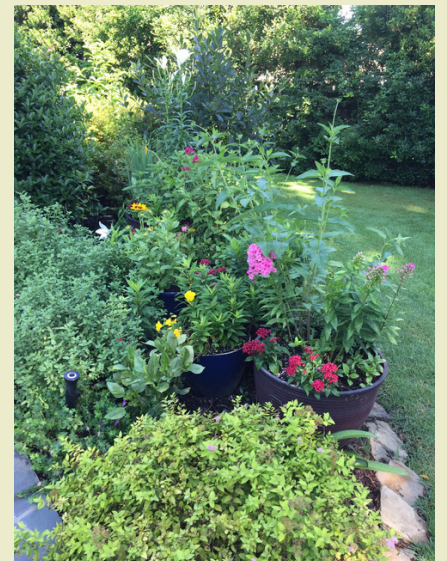




Tatyana's backyard gazebo, swing and pool



Flingers visiting at the fire pit with Tatyana's husband



Tatyana's beautiful front and backyard flower beds



Flingers arriving in buses greeted by Kathy Russo





Flingers on the coach bus



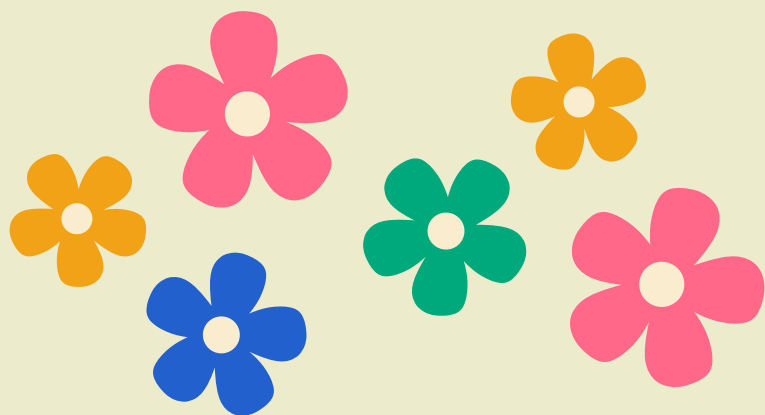
Chuckwagon!



Tatyana Jankov, John Simi & Sharron Johnson



Friendly goat at the Farm  
Park with Community  
Gardens behind him







Volunteer Stephanie Johnson  
of Germantown Garden Club  
in Tatyana's front yard



Garden Hosts—Tatyana  
Jankov and Susan Thompson



Mary Ann & Steve Gibson with their  
Bourbon Peach Pies



Floral Centerpieces by  
Suburban Garden Club



**SPECIAL**

**FEATURE!!**

**Youth**

**Gardening**

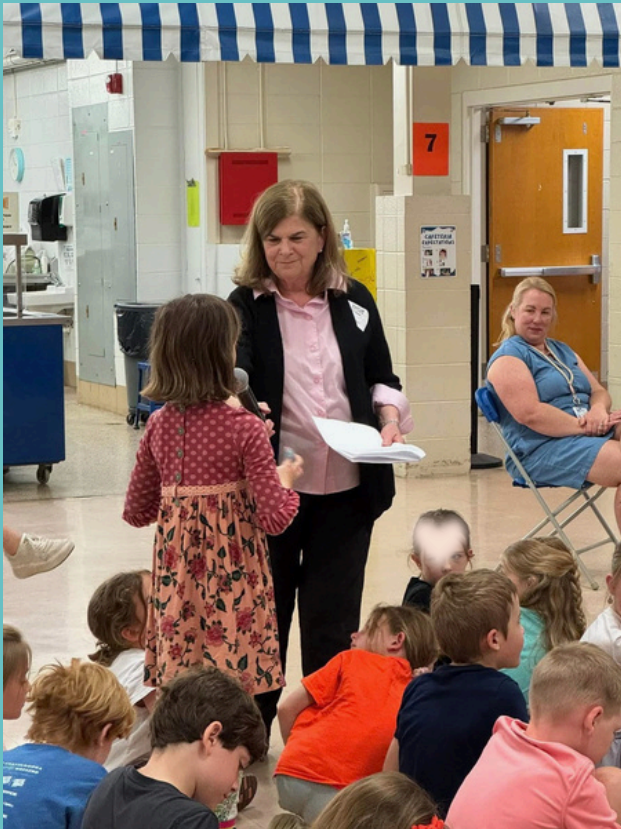




# Youth Gardening



## Garden Club of Signal Mountain



The **Garden Club of Signal Mountain** is rooted in support for our community. Each year our club holds classes for all of our mountain's **Second Grade Students**. This is called the **Junior Garden Club** program. We have **four seasonal classes** in two elementary schools that coordinate with their science curricula and provide education and hands-on activities for approximately 200 second graders. In addition to our students and our Junior Garden Club committee members, we usually have about ten garden club members who attend each program, helping with costumes and just joining in the fun.

In the **fall**, we introduce the children to the goals and activities of the Garden Club of Signal Mountain and discuss the value of flowers and plants in general. Then we focus on **Pansies**. Each child is given a pansy to plant in one of the several flower beds designated to the second graders, with the hope that each class will participate in the care of these pansies as the school year progresses. At the close of our program, each student is given a pansy sticker, with the hopes these very small “take-aways” will spark discussions about our programs with their parents. Most of all, our children love playing in the dirt with our garden club members.

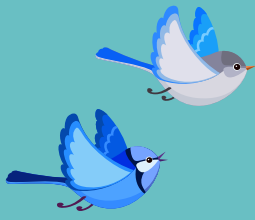






The second graders' pansy beds





In the **winter** we hold classes on **Bird** behavior that teach students the various types of birds and feeding preferences.

After our discussion, we end this program with each student making a handmade pine cone bird feeder to take home and enjoy during the rest of the winter. (This activity requires many GCSM volunteers.)

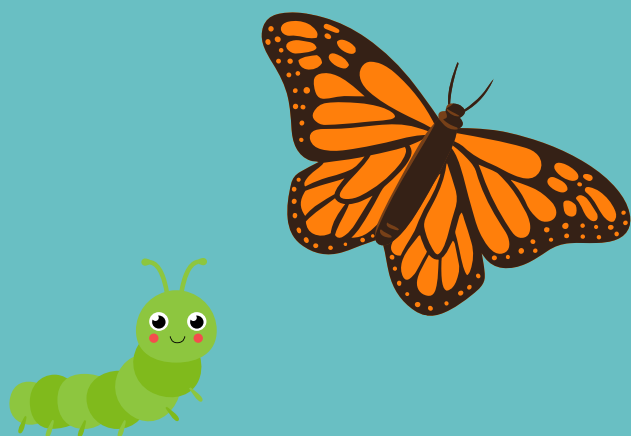
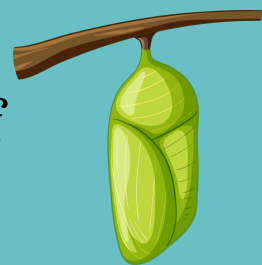


Co-presidents Judy Nowlin & Debbie Garvich assist students with pine cone bird feeders.





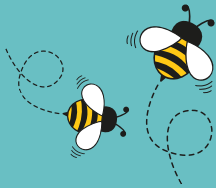
As **spring** arrives, we give classes on the life cycle of **Butterflies** and the ways butterflies help us. The children dress up in costumes made by one of our members, Jean Faircloth, showing the four stages of butterfly development. Each student takes home a flyer showing the life cycle of butterflies and a butterfly magnet or eraser.







The annual Junior Garden Club closes the year out with an in-depth program on **Honey Bees**—their development, care and contribution to our health and wellbeing. Margha Davis, a GCSM member, and her husband Joe, longtime bee keepers, bring props and a real beekeeper costume that one lucky student gets to wear. They walk the children through the Queen and Worker structure of bees along with their care and maintenance. Margha and Joe explain the importance of bees to our food source and our health.



These 2<sup>nd</sup> grade annual **Junior Garden Club** efforts are among the most rewarding community services that we provide. Hopefully, in addition to all of us children and adults having fun, **we are encouraging the gardeners of the future!**





# *Featured Photography*

by Sandy Vandenberg  
Mountain Laurel Garden Club  
District IV



*Purple Coneflower*



*Cleome*



*Passion Flower—State Wildflower of Tennessee*



*Queen Anne's Lace*





*Daylily*



*Bee Balm*



*Butterfly weed*



*Prairie Coneflower*



*Black-eyed Susan*



*Thistle*



# 2024 AWARD WINNERS



**TFGC STATE WINNERS IN BLACK**



**DEEP SOUTH WINNERS IN BLUE**



**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS  
WINNERS IN GREEN**



# 2024 Award Winners—Presented in 2025

## NOTE:

Blue represents Deep South; Green represents TFGC National Winners.

### #1A - CIVIC - CLUB

1ST -	Shady Oaks Garden Club	DIV
2nd -	New Neighbors Garden Club	DII
	<i>1st -Deep South: 2S-Historic Preservation Appreciation -NGC EC3-1-S - Wildlife Survival</i>	
3rd -	Germantown Garden Club	DI
4th -	Tipton Fleur de Lis Garden Club	DI
	<i>2nd - Deep South: 13S-Environmental Ed Commendation (1st in category) NGC EC2-1-S Conservation Education</i>	

### #3A - HORTICULTURE - INDIVIDUAL

1st -	Cynthia Humes - Aldersgate Garden Club	DIII
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### #3B - HORTICULTURE - CLUB

1st -	Hendersonville Garden Club	DII
2nd -	Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club	DIII
3rd -	Optimistic Garden Club	DII

### #5A - PUBLIC RELATIONS - CLUB

1st -	Shady Oaks Garden Club	DIV
2nd -	Optimistic Garden Club	DII
	<i>Appreciation - NGC MAE1 - Member Awareness</i>	
3rd -	Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club	DIII
	<i>1st - Deep South: 3M -Public Relations</i>	
4th -	Dayton Garden Club	DIII
	<i>Appreciation - NGC MAE1-1-S -Membership Awareness</i>	
	Germantown Garden Club	
	<i>Appreciation - NGC G3-1-M - Public Wildlife Gardens</i>	

### #6C - CONSERVATION - INDIVIDUAL

1st -	Charlotte Timberlake - Aldersgate Garden Club	DIII
	<i>Commendation (1st in category) NGC EC2-4 Conservation Ed.</i>	



#### #7A - SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT - CLUB

1st -	Garden Lovers Garden Club	DII
	<i>3rd Deep South: 8M-Special Achievement</i>	
	<i>Appreciation - NGC FD2-1-M - Floral Design</i>	
2nd -	Hendersonville Garden Club	DII
3rd -	Franklin County Garden Club	DII
4th -	Harpeth Bend Garden Club	DII
	<i>2nd - Deep South: 8S-Special Achievement</i>	
	Hickory Valley Garden Club	DIII
	<i>2nd - Deep South: 17S-Community Action</i>	
	Southwind Garden Club	DI
	<i>1st - Deep South 18L- Wildflower Award</i>	
	<i>Commendation (1st in category) NGC EC5-1-L</i>	
	<i>Native Plants &amp; Wildflowers Venue</i>	

#### #7B - SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT - GROUP

1st -	District I	DI
2nd -	District III	DIII
	<i>Commendation (1st in category) NGC EC1-2</i>	
	<i>Conservation Activities</i>	

#### #8 - PROMOTION OF GARDENING AMONG YOUTH

1st -	Hendersonville Garden Club	DII
	<i>Appreciation - NGC YW8-1-S - Hort Ed. For Youth</i>	
2nd -	Ocoee Garden Club	DIII
	<i>Appreciation - NGC YW8-1-M - Hort Ed. For Youth</i>	

#### #13B - HISTORIC PRESERVATION - DECO OF BUILDING

1st -	Shady Oaks Garden Club
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#### #16A1 - YEARBOOK - under 20 members

1st -	Garden Lovers Garden Club	DII
2nd -	Rachel Jackson Garden Club	DII
3rd -	Scenic Hills Garden Club	DI
4th -	Harpeth Bend Garden Club	DII
4th -	Crestwood Garden Club	DIII

#### #16A2 - YEARBOOK - 21-29 members

1st -	Dixie Highway Garden Club	DIV
	<i>2nd - Deep South: 31A2 Yearbook</i>	
2nd -	Country Homes Garden Club	DII
3rd -	Germantown Garden Club	DI

#### #16A3 - YEARBOOK - 30-44 members

1st -	Shady Oaks Garden Club	DIV
	<i>HM - Deep South: 31A3 Yearbook</i>	



<b>#16A4 - YEARBOOK - 45-69 MEMBERS</b>		
1st -	Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club <i>HM - Deep South: 31A4 Yearbook</i>	DIII
2nd -	Southwind Garden Club	DI
<b>#16A5 - YEARBOOK - 79-99 MEMBERS</b>		
1st -	Garden Club of Signal Mountain <i>HM - Deep South: 31A5 Yearbook</i>	DIII
<b>#16E - YEARBOOK - COUNCILS</b>		
1st -	T.A.G.S. <i>1st - Deep South: 31D Yearbook</i>	DII
<b>#19A1 - GARDEN THERAPY - Landscape with client</b>		
1st -	Franklin County Garden Club <i>Appreciation - NGC G1-B-2 - Container Gardens</i>	DII
<b>#19B1 - GARDEN THERAPY - with client</b>		
1st -	Garden Lovers Garden Club	DII
2nd -	Murry Hills Garden Club	DIII
3rd -	Optimistic Garden Club	DII
<b>#19C1 - GARDEN THERAPY - other with clients</b>		
1st -	Optimistic Garden Club	DII
<b>#19D2 - GARDEN THERAPY - without client</b>		
1st -	Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club	DIII
<b>#25A - NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK</b>		
1st -	Shady Oaks Garden Club <i>Appreciation - NGC MAE5-1-M - National Garden Week</i>	DIV
2nd -	Franklin County Garden Club	DII
2nd -	Oak Hill Garden Club <i>Appreciation - NGC MAE5-1-S - National Garden Week</i>	DII
3rd -	Tipton Fleur de Lis Garden Club	DI
4th -	Aldersgate Garden Club	DIII
4th -	Southwind Garden Club	DI
<b>#30B1 - COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION - continuing project</b>		
1st -	Harpeth Bend Garden Club <i>Appreciation - NGC CE5-B-1-S - Beautification Project</i>	DII
2nd -	Chapman Highway Garden Club <i>Appreciation - NGC CE2-1-M - Perm. Community Improv.</i>	DIV
<b>#31B - PAM DOWD BLUE STAR MARKER AWARD-CLUB</b>		
1st -	Franklin County Garden Club OVERALL WINNER (\$100.00)	DII



<b>#31F - PAM DOWD BLUE STAR MARKER AWARD-INDIVIDUAL</b>		
1st -	Charlotte Scott - Aldersgate Garden Club	DIII
<b>#35A1 - JUANITA ALLINDER POLLINATOR AWARD-CLUB</b>		
1st -	Germantown Garden Club	DI
<b>#35A2 - JUANITA ALLINDER POLLINATOR AWARD-INDIVIDUAL</b>		
1st -	Charlotte Scott - Aldersgate Garden Club	DIII
<b>#35C1 - JUANITA ALLINDER POLLINATOR AWARD - CLUB</b>		
1st -	Shady Oaks Garden Club	DIV
	<i>1st - Deep South: 14M Butterfly Conservation</i>	
	<i>OVERALL WINNER: \$50.00</i>	
	<i>Appreciation - NGC - CE6-1-M - Community Project</i>	
	<i>With Native Plants</i>	
<b>#35D2 - JUANITA ALLINDER POLLINATOR AWARD - INDIVIDUAL</b>		
1st -	Anna Marie Allen - Harpeth Bend Garden Club	DII
<b>#42A - BIRD - CLUB</b>		
1st -	Harpeth Bend Garden Club	DII
	<i>Appreciation - NGC EC1-1-S - Conservation Activities</i>	
2nd -	Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club	DIII
	<i>2nd - Deep South: 6M Bird Award</i>	
	<i>Appreciation - NGC EC2-1-M - Conservation Education</i>	
<b>#43A-BLUEBIRD TRAIL- CLUB</b>		
1st -	Poplar Estates Garden Club	DI
	<i>1st - Deep South: 6S Bird Award</i>	
<b>#43C- BLUEBIRD TRAIL - INDIVIDUAL</b>		
1st -	Lynda Reese - Murry Hills Garden Club	DIII
	<i>Commendation (1st in category) - NGC EC1-4</i>	
	<i>Conservation Activities</i>	
<b>#45A - LITTER- ONGOING- CLUB</b>		
1st -	Country Homes Garden Club	DII
	<i>1st - Deep South: 5M Litter Control</i>	
<b>#49B - LANDSCAPE DESIGN - CLUB</b>		
1st -	Shady Oaks Garden Club	DIV
	<i>Appreciation - NGC EC5-1-M - Native Plants and</i>	
	<i>Wildflower Venue</i>	

**#52C1 - THE MARION BLOOMER PUBLICATION AWARD**

1st -	Suburban Garden Club	DI
2nd -	Harpeth Bend Garden Club	DII
	<i>Commendation (1st in category) - NGC MAE4-C-1-S Publications</i>	
3rd -	Southwind Garden Club	DI

**#52C2 - THE MARION BLOOMER PUBLICATION AWARD**

1st -	District II	DII
	<i>Appreciation - NGC - MAE4-C-2-Dist Publications</i>	

**#53A - PROGRAM**

1st - Kathy Rychen - Rachel Jackson GC	
"Rookie Feeder"	DII
1st - Jackie Westfield - Aldersgate GC	
"Christmas Flowers"	DIII
2nd - Janet Hester - Crestwood GC	
"Butterfly Project"	DIII
2nd - Lynda Reese - Murry Hills GC	
"Companion Plantings"	DIII
2nd - Hannah Lanning - Hickory Valley GC	
"Folklore, Magic and Medicine"	DIII
3rd - Kathy Rychen - Rachel Jackson GC	
"Night Lights"	DII
4th - Kathy Rychen - Rachel Jackson GC	
"Widow by Choice"	DII

**#53B - AUDIO PROGRAM**

1st - Dinae Nelson - Shady Oaks Garden Club	DIV
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**#53C - PROGRAM - SERIES**

1st - Dayton Garden Club	DIII
2nd - Rachel Jackson Garden Club	DII
3rd - Shady Oaks Garden Club	DIV
4th - Southwind Garden Club	DI

**#54A - ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

1st - Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club	DIII
<i>1st - Deep South - 13M Environmental Education</i>	
<i>Appreciation NGC - EC3-1-M Wildlife Survival</i>	

**#56A WILDFLOWER - CLUB**

1st - Four Seasons Garden Club	DIII
<i>1st - Deep South - 18S Wildflower</i>	
<i>Appreciation - NGC - CE8-A-1-S Landscaping of Public or Religious Grounds</i>	



<b>#63A1 - PARKS</b>	
1st - Tipton Fleur de Lis Garden Club	DI
<b>#64A HISTORIC GARDENS</b>	
1st - Dixie Highway Garden Club	DIV
<i>Appreciation - NGC - CE5-A-1-M Beautification Project</i>	
2nd - Optimistic Garden Club	DII
<i>Commendation - NGC (1st in category) -CE9-1-M Landscape Historic Area</i>	
<b>#69C FLORAL DESIGN</b>	
1st - Janet Switzer - Gateway Acres Garden Club	DII
<i>Commendation (1st in category) - NGC FD2-4-I – Floral Design Program</i>	
<b>#70-2-A TREE</b>	
1st - Dayton Garden Club	DIII
<b>#72A1 - PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK</b>	
1st - Harpeth Bend Garden Club	DII
<i>2nd - Deep South; 29S Publicity Press Book</i>	
<b>#72A2 - PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK</b>	
1st - Medium - Shady Oaks Garden Club	DIV
<i>2nd - Deep South: 29M Publicity Press Book</i>	
1st - Large - Southwind garden Club	DI
<i>2nd - Deep South: 29L Publicity Press Book</i>	
<b>#76 - GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR</b>	
1st - Shady Oaks Garden Club	DIV
<b>#79A - VALERIE TIPPS GARDENING GIFTS</b>	
1st - Garden Lovers Garden Club	DII
<i>2nd - Deep South: 9S Horticulture Award</i>	
1st - Dayton Garden Club	DIII
<i>OVERALL WINNERS WILL SPLIT \$100.00</i>	
<b>Deep South Unified Project</b>	
<i>Class A2 Group of Clubs A-2 Flower Shows - \$200.00</i>	
<i>1st - Aldersgate, Dayton and Sunset Garden Clubs</i>	DIII
<i>Class B1 Floral Decoration - Club -\$100.00</i>	
<i>2nd - Dayton Garden Club</i>	DIII
<i>Class B2 Floral Decoration - Group - \$200.00</i>	
<i>1st - District I</i>	DI
<i>Class C1 Colorful Plantings - \$100.00</i>	
<i>2nd - Southwind Garden Club</i>	DI

<b>#FS1B - STANDARD FLOWER SHOW 21-49</b> Year Round Garden Club "Victorian Days" <i>NGC National Award</i>	DII
<b>#FS1C - STANDARD FLOWER SHOW 50-99</b> Garden Club of Signal Mountain "My Travel Journal Abroad" Town & Country Garden Club "Southern Storytellers" <i>NGC National Award</i>	DIII  DII
<b>#FDS5A - SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW</b> Dayton Garden Club "Bee Aware" <i>NGC National Award</i>	DIII
<b>#FS15B - HORTICULTURE SPECIALITY SHOW</b> Flower Growers, Garden Lovers, Optimistic GC "Peter Rabbits Garden" <i>NGC National Award</i>	DII
<b>#FS16C - DESIGN SPECIALITY SHOW</b> TFGC State Flower Show "Spring Time in the Deep South" <i>NGC National Award</i>	TFGC
<b>#75A - FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE</b> 1st - Dayton Garden Club "Bee Aware" 2nd - Garden Club of Signal Mountain "My Travel Journal Abroad"	DIII  DIII
<b>#75B - FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE</b> 1st - Flower Growers, Garden Lovers, Optimistic GC "Peter Rabbits Garden" 2nd - TFGC State Show "Spring Time in the Deep South"	DII  TFGC
<b>#75C - FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE</b> 1st - District II "Pumpkins, Gourds and Mums, Oh My!"	DII
<b>#78-1 - STAGING - DISTRICT III</b> 1st - Dayton Garden Club "Bee Aware"	DIII



**#78-2 - STAGING - DISTRICT III**

1st - Garden Club of Signal Mountain  
"My Travel Journal Abroad" DIII

**#78-2 - STAGING - DISTRICT IV**

1st - Town and Country Garden Club  
"Southern Storytellers" DIV

**#78-3 - STAGING - DISTRICT II**

1st - Garden Lovers, Flower Growers, Optimistic GC  
"Peter Rabbits Garden" DII  
2nd - District II  
"Pumpkins, Gourds and Mums, Oh My!" DII

**#80 - FLOWER SHOW RECOGNITION**

• TFGC State Show "Spring Time in the Deep South"	TFGC
• Year Round Garden Club "Victorian Days"	DII
• Collierville Garden Club	DI
• Shelby East Garden Club	DI
• Garden Club of Signal Mountain	DIII
• Elizabeth Stone Garden Club	DI
• Flower Growers Garden Club	DII
• Garden Lovers Garden Club	DII
• Optimistic Garden Club	DII
• Dayton Garden Club	DIII
• Mt Laurel Garden Club	DIV
• Suburban Garden Club	DI
• Town & Country Garden Club	DIV
• Trenton Garden Club	DI
• Garden Guild Garden Club	DIV
• Sevierville Garden Club	DIV
• District II	DII
• Rosemark Garden Club	DI
• Kanusita Garden Club	DIV

## **CLUB RATINGS**

### **DISTRICT I**

#### **FEDERATED CLUBS**

- 901 Garden Club
- Bartlett Garden Club
- Cooper Young Garden Club
- Elizabeth Stone Garden Club
- Interpreters Garden Club
- Little Garden Club of Memphis
- Memphis Garden Club
- Pearl Hooper Garden Club

#### **GARDEN CLUB OF EXCELLENCE**

- Blossomway Garden Club
- Germantown Garden Club
- Southwind Garden Club

#### **FLOWER SHOW CLUB OF EXCELLENCE**

- Collierville Garden Club
- Cordova Garden Club
- Dyersburg Garden Club
- Rosemark Garden Club
- Kennedy View Garden Club
- Paris Garden Club
- Poplar Estates Garden Club
- Scenic Hills Garden Club
- Shelby East Garden Club
- Suburban Garden Club
- Tipton Fleur de Lis Garden Club
- Trenton Garden Club

### **DISTRICT II**

#### **FEDERATED CLUBS**

- Brentwood Garden Club
- Camden Garden Club
- Flower Lovers Garden Club
- Lake Forest Acres Garden Club
- Lebanon Road Garden Club
- Les Candides Garden Club
- Warner Park Garden Club

#### **GARDEN CLUB OF EXCELLENCE**

- Franklin Country Garden Club
- Shelbyville Garden Club
- Volunteer Garden Club



#### FLOWER SHOW CLUB OF EXCELLENCE

- Beachhaven Garden Club
- Ben Lomand Garden Club
- Clarksville Garden Club
- Country Homes Garden Club
- First Saturday Garden Club
- Flower Growers Garden Club
- Garden Lovers Garden Club
- Gateway Acres Garden Club
- Harpeth Bend Garden Club
- Hendersonville Garden Club
- Iris City Garden Club
- Leipers Fork Garden Club
- New Neighbors Garden Club
- Oak Hill Garden Club
- Optimistic Garden Club
- Rachel Jackson Garden Club
- Town & Country Garden Club
- Tyne Meade Garden Club
- Year Round Garden Club

#### **DISTRICT III**

##### FEDERATED CLUBS

- Hickory Valley Garden Club

##### CLUB OF EXCELLENCE

- Crestwood Garden Club
- Four Seasons Garden Club
- Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club
- Murry Hills Garden Club
- Ocoee Garden Club

##### FLOWER SHOW CLUB OF EXCELLENCE

- Aldersgate Garden Club
- Dayton Garden Club
- Garden Club of Signal Mountain
- Magnolia Garden Club

#### **DISTRICT IV**

##### FEDERATED CLUBS

- Harrogate Garden Club
- Lakemoor Hills Garden Club
- Norweta Garden Club
- Valley Beautiful Garden Club

#### CLUB OF EXCELLENCE

- Chapman Highway Garden Club
- Crestwood Lady Bugs Garden Club
- Flower Lovers Garden Club
- Sun-Up Garden Club

#### FLOWER SHOW CLUB OF EXCELLENCE

- Arrisa Garden Club
- Dixie Highway Garden Club Eastside  
Garden Club
- Garden Guild Garden Club
- Kanunsita Garden Club
- Lenior City Garden Club
- Mt. Laurel Garden Club
- Norwood Garden Club
- Sevierville Garden Club
- Shady Oaks Garden Club
- Town & Country Garden Club
- Tuckaleechee Garden Club
- West Hills 10:00 Garden Club



## YOUTH POETRY

### 1st GRADE

1st - Charlie Peyton - Germantown Garden Club

*2nd - Deep South*

### 3rd GRADE

1st - Laney Jones - Paris Garden Club

*1st - Deep South*

*3rd - NGC*

### 4th GRADE

1st - Wilkes Ricketson - Germantown Garden Club

*2nd - Deep South*

2nd - Lucy Lin - Germantown Garden Club

3rd - Nicole Robbins - Paris Garden Club

### 5th GRADE

1st - Marlie McClure - Paris Garden Club

*2nd - Deep South*

2nd - Sophia Williams - Germantown Garden Club

3rd - Sophia Hamud - Germantown Garden Club

### 6th GRADE

Kullen Seaton - Dyersburg Garden Club

*2nd - Deep South*

### 7th GRADE

Cohen Ayers - Dyersburg Garden Club

*3rd - Deep South*

### 8th GRADE

Iyanna Jordan - Dyersburg Garden Club

*3rd - Deep South*

## SMOKEY BEAR - WOODSY OWL POSTER

### 1st GRADE

Forest Bates - Suburban Garden Club

*2nd Deep South*

### 2nd GRADE

Sadie Vail - Southwind Garden Club

### 3rd GRADE

Ruth Zhang - Suburban Garden Club

*2nd - Deep South*

### 4th GRADE

Mariana Perales - Franklin County Garden Club

### 5th GRADE

Madeleine French - Germantown Garden Club

### **Note to Participants**

*THANKS to ALL who participated in the 2024 Awards Program. I am so excited to see all these **great** projects and seeing clubs and individuals receive recognition for them. Every single one of the BOEs were exceptional, and I hope to see this many for the 2025 year.*

*Debbie Shaver*

# **Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**

## **2025 - 2027**

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# TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

## 2025-2027

Theme: "Plant Tennessee with Years of Growth and Continuing a Century of Greens"

Project: "Plant Flowers and Vegetables that Have Evolved Over the Past Century"

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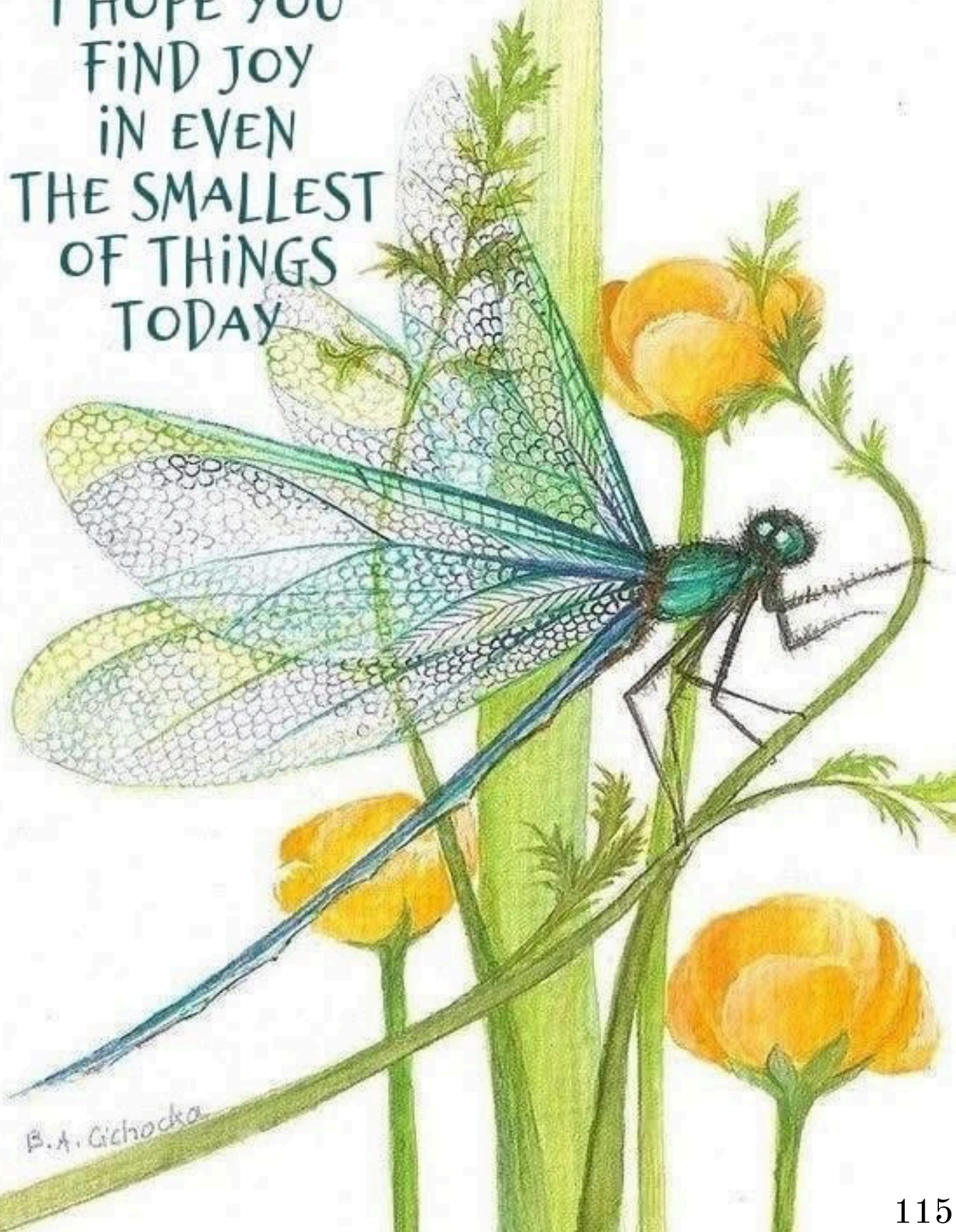
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| o Project    | “Plant deep rooted plants and trees to provide food and shelter for our winged creatures and share our knowledge with our communities” |   |
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| o Project    | “Encourage Growth of Youth Garden Clubs and Activities”  |   |



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TODAY



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