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Message from the District II Director Becky Fox Matthews



This month I'm passing on some excerpts of good advice (with permission) from Joanna Brichetto, a TN Naturalist and author of the book, *This is How a Robin Drinks*.

There is no "bee-friendly" spray for a yard. Even the "eco-friendly," "natural," "organic" options, even the garlic or essential oils, even the ones made from ingredients in our own kitchens. All are pesticides. Some are more toxic than others, some last longer than others but they are all pesticides classed as "broad-spectrum," meaning they kill a broad array of creatures and cannot target one kind of animal. Sprays kill indiscriminately, including the very predators we need, like ladybugs, lacewings, assassin bugs, hoverflies, etc. etc.

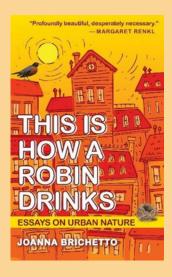
Joanna quotes author, entomologist, and ecologist, Doug Tallamy: "They [mosquito companies] also say it only kills mosquitoes. That's just plain misinformation. It kills all the insects it comes in contact with, including monarchs."

For mosquitoes, Joanna's advice: "First rule is to get rid of ALL standing water every 7 days. The 7 day rule applies to rinsing out the bird bath too. It takes 7 days for an egg to make it to an adult mosquito."

Joanna provides detailed instructions on how to stop mosquitoes from breeding in your yard and for putting together a "Mosquito Bucket of Doom" here:

https://sidewalknature.com/2022/05/08/mosquito-bucket-of-doom/

Let's all try to be better stewards for our gardens and our pollinators!







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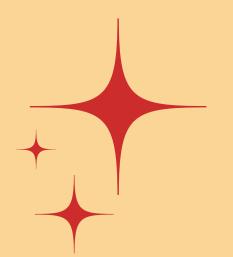
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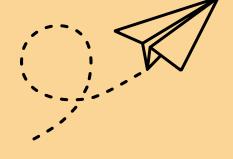


DISTRICT II CLUB PRESIDENTS, PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAILED NEWSLETTER TO YOUR CLUB MEMBERS.

Submit your club's events, photos & articles for the October District II Newsletter by September 15th to:

annabanana7@comcast.net











Updated TFGC Website





Updated Forms
Upcoming Events
Volunteer Gardener
News & More!









tngardenclubs.org





"Please forward attached information to your Garden Club members on the NGC Youth Contests that they may be interested or eligible to participate in by Grade Level. Our participation has dropped over the last year, but I am encouraging more clubs to get involved with these contests.

Please send ONLY 1st Place Entries in each Grade Level by the Deadline Date of November 15, 2025.

If you have any questions, let me know."

My home address is:

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NGC YOUTH POETRY & SCULPTURE CONTESTS – 2025

POETRY CONTEST

Theme: Plant America for the Next 100 Years

ELIGIBILITY: Youth in Grades K-12 compete by grade level in one of three categories: General Education, Special Education or Speakers of other languages.

Guidelines:

- 1) Poems do not have to rhyme.
- 2) Poems should be no more than 24 lines (including title) with a maximum of 42 letters/spaces per line in order to fit on a single page.
- 3) The theme should NOT be used as the title to any poetry.
- 4) Poet's Family does not have to be a member of the local garden club.
- 5) Youth can be sponsored by a parent, grandparent, church, school, etc.

Poems should be sent to Kay Cox, State Youth Chairman by the Deadline Date of November 15, 2025.

YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is to encourage our youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving the environment.

Guidelines:

- 1) Contest is open to Children in 4th through 8th Grades with a local garden club sponsor,
- 2) Sculptures must consist of recycled, reused and reduced materials.
- 3) The sculpture is limited to a size that will fit sitting on a 8 1/2 "x11 sheet of paper.
- 4) A list of materials used and a brief description included on the entry form found on www.gardenclub.org.
- 5) Entries should include (2) 4x6" photographs printed on the back of the entry form.

Entries should be sent to Kay Cox by November 15, 2025.





Additional Information



State Deadline is November 15, 2025.



YOUTH POETRY CONTEST **GUIDELINES 2025**



PLANT AMERICA FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

Guidelines

- Include name, address, age, grade, school, sponsoring local garden club and state garden club of the poet on the back of entry. (Child privacy is important to NGC, and thus, published winning national poems will only identify the poet's first name, last name initial, local garden club and state.)
 Poet's family does not have to be a member of the local sponsoring garden club.
- · Poems should be no more than 24 lines (including title) with a max of 42 letters/spaces per line in order to fit on single page of the booklet.
- · Poems do not have to rhyme. They may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick, or haiku
- · When choosing a poem title, please be creative and incorporate the theme: "Plant America for the Next 100 Years." However, the theme should not be used as the title to any poetry. When judging, the title is worth 10 points.
- Poets should be strongly encouraged to proofread their work for grammatical and spelling errors.
 All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- · Sending Region winning entries to NGC: All Region winning entries must be typed, titled, and sent to the National Chairperson (James Pavelka, jamespavelka@comcast.net) in Word format via email, and the original hard copy mailed for judging.
- · National winners will be announced at the NGC 2026 National Convention and the local garden club contact person will be contacted regarding any winning entry.

Submissions and Deadlines

All poems are submitted to a local garden club affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. Local clubs send their winning poems (1 per grade-level in each category) to their State by the published State deadline. State winning poems are sent to their Region Contest by 2/1/2026. Region winners are sent to the National Contest by 3/1/2026. National winning poems are announced in May 2026, and published online in a free digital poetry booklet.

Eligibility, Categories and Judging Criteria

- Youth in grades K-12 compete by grade-level in one of three categories: General Education, Special Education or English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).
- Scale of Points: Title 10%, Content 40%, Creativity Style 20%. Total 100%

gardenclub.org/poetry-contest



"Plant it Pink" Event Recap

On Monday, August 11, 2025 we hosted the first *Luncheon with Program* event at Ivan Racheff House and Gardens this summer. The luncheon menu selection included several dishes featuring the color pink.

The program centered around the existing "Pink Garden" area in our Arboretum. Denise Thorne was our presenter explaining pink plants to use that would provide a continuous pink theme throughout the year.

There were twenty-four paid Garden Club Members attending this event, with those attending paying a total of \$360. Additionally, two individuals matched the \$360 for a total of \$720.

A plant sale brought in \$60, snd \$50 from the gift shop.

Our "Plant it Pink" event raised a total of \$830. Congratulations to everyone who came to this event!

Don't worry if you missed this one, we plan on having multiple

"Luncheon with Program" events.

Submitted by Karen Dawson Ivan Racheff House & Gardens Interim Treasurer





Wanda Faye True November 1, 1942 - July 27, 2025 Oak Hill Garden Club

Faye served as the TFGC Convention co-chair in 2015 and District II Treasurer 2015-2017. She served as Oak Hill Garden Club president and Garden Studies TFGC Chairman. She was a talented "true" friend. We had a wonderful trip, with special memories to tour P. Allen Smith's farm and house in Arkansas in the fall of 2021 to see the feasibility of him as a TFGC Convention speaker.

To know Faye, was to love Faye.

—Denise Thorne

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Country Homes Garden Club

visited "Tranquility",

a Hosta Garden

at the home of Hosta aficionado,

Cornelia B. Holland,

801 Hillsboro Road,

Franklin, Tennessee.

She was a founding member and president for six years of the

Middle Tennessee Hosta Society.

In 2013, Mrs. Holland donated

over 550 species and cultivars creating the

Cornelia B. Holland Tranquility Hosta Garden

at the

University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Known as a reference garden,

one of only three in the

Southeastern United States.

She was honored in Knoxville

by the State Botanical Gardens.

The American Hosta Society has designated

"Tranquility" one of twenty three official

Hosta display gardens in North America.

Mrs. Holland conducts an open garden

in the early spring at her home for the community.

Flower Growers Garden Club July 2025 Activities

Seeds, seeds—and Dawn's gorgeous garden

Flower Growers Garden Club (FGGC) has been busy, busy, busy distributing native wildflower and non-GMO heirloom vegetable seeds from our TFGC Seed Project Grant. We attended the Murfreesboro Main Street Market, which is held around the Historic Rutherford County Courthouse, on blazing hot July 5th. Cynthia Allen arranged for us to have a tent and printed materials, Patty Compton brought the FGGC banner, Kim Orrand provided attractive seed packet containers, and several members, including Patrece McCrary, Morna Conway, Mary Forrest Hancock, and Pam Martin helped talk up the projects to the dozens of people who stopped by to get their free seeds. We interacted with many young people and children, spreading the word about the importance of indigenous flowers for pollinators.



Kim Orrand, Patty Compton & Cynthia Allen at our Main Street Market booth in Murfreesboro, July 5, 2025



Cynthia telling the little ones about the importance of native wildflowers

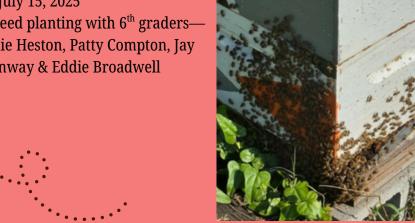


Flower Growers Garden Club July 2025 Activities

On July 15th, a group of us met at the Middle Tennessee Christian School, thanks to FGGC member Melanie Heston who used to teach alongside MTCS Middle School science teacher Jay Priestly. A few years ago, Jay created the MTCS Honey Farm and the 6th Grade Bee Club, which does community outreach by taking a demonstration/observation hive to community centers to teach the public about the importance of honey bees. The school sells around 30 gallons of honey per year, helping support many worthwhile educational activities. Hearing about our Seed Project, Jay tilled up about 1/3rd of an acre of land behind the school, where the school's five hives are located. That's where five of the 6th graders sowed our seeds, courtesy of the TFGC grant!



MTCS July 15, 2025 Celebrating a successful seed planting with 6th graders— Patrece McCrary, Melanie Heston, Patty Compton, Jay Priestly, Morna Conway & Eddie Broadwell



The TFGC Seed Project Grant in action





Flower Growers Garden Club July 2025 Activities



FGGC members participating were Melanie Heston, Patty Compton, Eddie Broadwell,
Patrece McCrary, Morna Conway & Kim Orrand. FGGC purchased the bulk
wildflower seeds, a special mix for the Southeast, from Roundstone Native Seed Co. in
Kentucky. Wildflower varieties included Lemon Mint, Baby's Breath, Clasping
Coneflower, Partridge Pea, Purple Coneflower, Spiked Blazing Star, Scarlet Flax,
Showy Tickseed, and several others.

July 15th was a very busy day for the club—right after we left MTCS, we headed to Dawn Schamp's beautiful home in Bell Buckle, TN. We were joined at the fabulous lunch by three members of the late Loraine Beasley's family. Loraine was our beloved member for many decades who passed away last year at the age of 101.

Following lunch, we toured Dawn's exquisite gardens, where she specializes in dahlias. She gave a very interesting talk about how to grow dahlias and how different growing them in Middle Tennessee is compared to Washington state, where she lived and gardened for many years.



Dawn Schamp's beautiful house and gardens

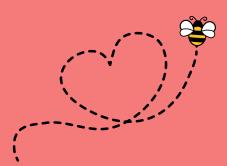


Dawn Schamp & Patrece McCrary

Flower Growers Garden Club July 2025 Activities



Lunch was delicious







Horticulture specimens



FGGC president Patty Compton calling the meeting to order with Rachel Bush & guests



Submitted by Morna Conway Youth photo releases on file



The end of a wonderful day for FGGC



Flower Lovers Circle



Four of our Flower Lovers Circle ladies attended the Presidents' Meeting on July 8th. We had a great time listening to all the speakers. The refreshments were delightful, and we got to put faces on the people in our newsletters!

On the way home we went by way of Leipers Fork.

What a beautiful ride back!



Mary Ann Harris, Gail Watson, Beth Ender, and Nita Slater



Flower Lovers Circle



The Flower Lovers Circle met at the Lawrence County Library for our July Meeting. We had a devotion by Betsy Lee Koszut and some wonderful refreshments by Betsy DeJong who also presented a program on bees & bat houses. Several of our ladies brought flower designs for all of us to critique. It was an informative and fun meeting!





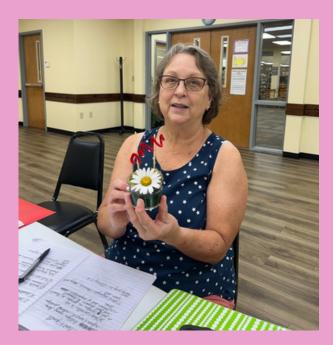






Flower Lovers Circle

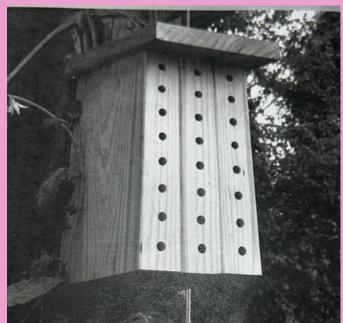




Beth Ender



Nita Slater



The "Bee Hotel" for "solitary bees". These bees don't form hives, but nest on their own.

They don't make honey, but do help pollinate your plants with a smile!



Judy Piovarcy



Submitted by club president Nita Slater



Garden Lovers Club June 7th Plant Que



Standing from left to right are Laura Watts, Mary Jane Lavender, Joan Howell, Linda Peterson, Jackie McKittrick, Judy Stacey, Star Eaker, Lorraine Grieve, Erica Latham, Judy Rickman (President) & Carol Hackney. Kneeling from left to right are Dana Fulgrum & Sharon Clark

On Saturday, June 7, Garden Lovers Club held our biennial plant sale to raise funds for the Club. We set up in the parking lot on Main Street in Murfreesboro just couple of blocks off the Courthouse Square where Saturday Farmers Market was being held. This guaranteed that there would be a lot of traffic. Members had started preparing for the sale weeks ahead of time by digging up, dividing and repotting plants from their gardens. We had over 700 plants for sale, as well as lovely bouquets, baked goods, flowerpots, and assorted garden tools. We had signage highlighting National Garden Week, as well as information about the Club. We also had a demonstration on preparing potting soil, and gave away free samples along with the "recipe". Youth from local Girl and Boy Scout Troops assisted in mixing the soil, passing out information, and helping customers carry their purchases to their cars. Our proceeds came to \$1,245, a 50% increase from our previous sale!

Garden Lovers Club June 7th Plant Sale











Jars Garden Lovers Club *Joy* July Meeting





For the third year in a row, Garden Lovers Club (GLC) members held their July meeting at Stones River Manor, a senior living community in Murfreesboro. After a light lunch and a short business meeting, the residents were invited to join us and create "Jars of Joy" to brighten their day. GLC members provided small bottles to use as vases and brought flowers and greenery from their gardens or floral shops, then assisted about thirty residents and staff of Stones River Manor in creating forty-five small bouquets which the residents could take with them to their rooms. This activity encouraged the residents to use their imagination while also engaging their small motor skills. Many of the participants also wanted to share the joy and beauty by creating bouquets for their friends who could not do so themselves. GLC members and residents alike enjoyed creating the bouquets. The leftover flowers were used to create a large bouquet for the lobby area. The Stones River Manor staff considered the activity a great success and many residents said they hoped we would be back again next year.







Garden Lovers Club July Meeting











Submitted by Laura Watts. Youth & residents' photo releases on file. 25

Gateway Acres Garden Club

Club members Connie Baird and Becky Fox Matthews attended the Birmingham Symposium at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens August 6-7th. Club member Pam Braun was the Horticulture instructor. Pictured are Connie Baird (far right) and two of her friends from Kentucky in the rose garden. The horticulture topics were roses and the *Asteraceae* family (Composites). Pictured are two photos of the *Astercaea* family examples. Pam also taught Botanical Arts. Gina Jogan taught Ethics and "Special Needs Designs" with a focus on illuminary and Reflective Designs.





Submitted by Becky Fox Matthews



Harpeth Bend Garden Club August 13, 2025 Meeting

The club met at the home of Betty Chapman in Franklin. Our speaker was Karen Dawson who presented a wonderful educational program on Bees & Beekeeping. Hostesses Betty, Joy & Missy prepared a delightful luncheon for 17 members & guests, then we all toured Betty's beautiful garden.











Harpeth Bend Garden Club August 13, 2025 Meeting







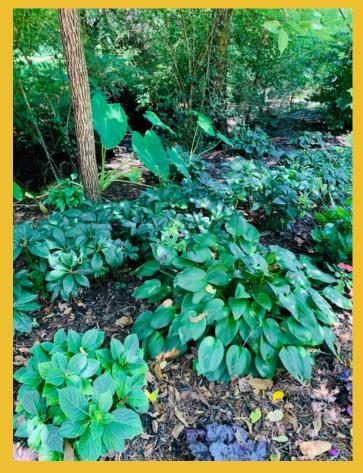




Harpeth Bend Garden Club August 13, 2025 Meeting









Lake Forest Acres Garden Club

Welcome to club member Judy Parrish's



Secret Garden











Submitted by Anice Rouse



Leipers Fork Garden Club



Leipers Fork Garden Club (LFGC) has been working on constructing a serene park-like atmosphere, designed by former LFGC president, Theresa Tillinger, at Hillsboro United Methodist Church in Leipers Fork. Labyrinths are ancient in origin and found in many cultures. They are distinguished from mazes by leading to a central design, in our case, a heart, instead of dead ends or branching choices. The labyrinth itself was created by LFGC members Randy and Stephanie Kelley and constructed with contributions from the community, Hillsboro Methodist Church members, and garden club members. A striking granite bench was donated by Cherry Lane Darken, LFGC recording secretary. She and fellow member Darlene Bortner generously provided maple trees for the garden. For more information about the labyrinth listed on the worldwide labyrinth locator, visit https://labyrinthlocator.org or by visiting Hillsboroumc.com and clicking on the labyrinth link in the upper left hand corner.





Leipers Fork Garden Club









Hostesses Mary Richardson, Jan Crossett & Lisa Chappell



Sandy Estes discussed her Educational Display "Garden in Verse"—
Famous Nature Poems and Authors.









Club President Lillian Hibbett holds a poster telling the history of Smokey Bear as she congratulates club member Dot Taylor's granddaughter Lucy for winning 2nd place in Tennessee for the 4th Grade 2024 Smokey Bear Poster Contest.





Submitted by Lillian Hibbett with photos by Julia Wilson. Youth photo release on file.

Underwater Floral Designs



















Petite Designs









Shelbyville & Volunteer Garden Clubs July 16, 2025 Meeting



Shelbyville/Volunteer Garden Clubs-July 16







Babs Chicoine, Shelbyville Garden Club President, standing in the foreground, welcomed members of her club and guests from Volunteer Garden Club as well as other guests to Glass Hollow Table and Tavern, Shelbyville, for the club's July 16 meeting.





Babs introduced Mary Anne Johnson, pictured below, guest speaker and owner of Growing Old, a niche company providing heirloom, native and pollinator friendly plants for her customers' gardens. Mary Anne's horticultural background includes over 30 years of hands-on experience for high profile companies in Atlanta, Georgia, most notably the Jimmy Carter Presidential Center. She is the recipient of multiple awards in holiday design, landscape design and floral design.

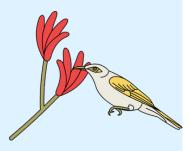


Shelbyville & Volunteer Garden Clubs









Mary Anne shared information about her time and responsibilities at the Carter Center as well as other aspects of her horticultural and floral career. While at the Carter Center, her responsibilities included the selection and installation of all exterior annual color beds, all floral arrangements for center beautification and working with Mrs. Carter to provide floral designs for formal and informal events held there. Her work also included the installation of 40 varieties of roses in the rose garden and pruning the Japanese garden.



Lunch and visiting followed Johnson's talk. Pictured below are some of those attending.











Submitted by June Gilmore





Town & Country Garden Club June 10, 2025



The Town & Country Garden Club presented a *Bee Program* at the Lebanon-Wilson County Library. This is the second year our club participated in their Summer Reading Program. Karen Dawson is a Wilson County Beekeeper who presented the program. First, she talked about why she became a beekeeper and the equipment being used in her apiary. We encouraged the children and their parents to come up and examine the hive body and other items used.



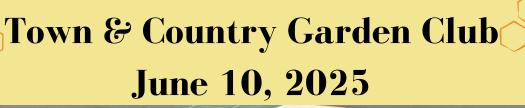
Club members Cathy Burgman, Karen Dawson, Jane Hundley, Jo Lovelace and Denise Thorne read from two books-Bees Like Flowers and Little Bee. Afterwards we answer questions from the children and their parents. There were about fifty plus children and parents.























Town & Country Garden Club July 8, 2025



Jane & Jim Hundley hosted the Town & Country Garden Club July meeting at their home, where club members enjoyed a fabulous luncheon. Afterwards, Angela Talley presented a program on *Pressed Flowers*. Angela has recently changed her career path and has taken up gardening. Her special interest is how to make pressed flower art! She informed us which flowers are best for pressing, best time to pick your flowers, and taking your time in arranging your designs.









Town & Country Garden Club July 8, 2025













Year Round Garden Club

August is **Fair Time in Wilson County**, and the YRGC maintains a wonderful **Rain Garden** for visitors to enjoy. Located on the grounds of the Jordan home near the entrance to Fiddler's Grove, the garden is designed to be self maintained. But of course with thousands of visitors expected to visit the Wilson County/Tennessee State Fair (August 14-23), we recently had a work day to spruce up the garden. Project chairman Debbie Hill and a group of members spent time weeding and planting and doing what garden club ladies do: hands and knees dirty, sweating in the August humidity, and having a wonderful time talking and sharing together!



First we weed and clean up:
Betsy Sellars &
Alexa Moscardelli





Then we get a plan from Debby Hill & Kathy Adams

Year Round Garden Club





Kathy Adams



Linda Weast



Mickey Ottoman



We water & admire the beautiful garden:

Judy Lea, Kathy Adams, Alexa Moscardelli, Linda Weast, Betsy Sellars, Mickey Ottoman, Debbie Hill (and Tish Ludlow who took the photo).

Did You Know

How fast bamboos grow?



Bamboos can grow up to three feet in a single day!
Bamboos are a diverse group of mostly evergreen
perennials. Giant Bamboos are the largest members of
the grass family.

A misnomer—that a bamboo plant cannot be killed. However, the cold winter of 2023 killed our nearly 100 feet of bamboo barrier. New shoots have sprung up, but are muted and look like bristle brushes.



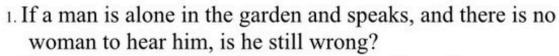
Jolly Sinha is a member of TFGC, the Rachel Jackson Garden Club, New Neighbors Garden Club, T.A.G.S. & District II Judges Council. She is a regular contributor to her column "Did You Know?"

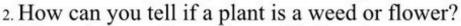
Gardening— Way of Life by Gayle Jaggers



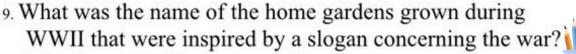








- 3. What plant produces the vanilla bean?
- 4. The love apple is the original name for what plant?
- 5. What is the host plant for the TN State Butterfly?
- 6. What condiment will kill weeds?
- 7. Who was Bryant Fleming?
- 8. What role did HSMT play in Cheekwood's history in the 1950's?



10. Why is red mulch dangerous?



3. Orchid Vanilla plantifolia

4. Tomato 5. Paw Paw Tree for the Zebra Swallowtail 6.

Vinegar 7. The residential and landscape architect that designed the Cheekwood Mansion and Gardens 8. Along with other civic groups, they spearheaded the development of Cheekwood Botanical Gardens. 9. "Victory Gardens" 10. It contains arsenic and other harmful chemicals...

You know you have been gardening too long when you take the last ride in the hearse and reach out and take clippings of the wreaths.

GOOD

JOB!













Wildlife Critter of the Month





Meet Stella, The Red-lipped Batfish

No, this isn't an Al-generated image, but a real life fish.

She doesn't swim, she walks, and she does it all in lipstick!

The Red-lipped Batfish is nature's most flamboyant bottom-dweller.

Native to the waters around the Galapagos Islands, this bizarre fish looks like it rolled off a fashion runway and straight into the abyss.

Its fins are stumpy "legs", and she clumsily walks across the ocean floor rather than swim like other fish. But that bright red pout?

It's not just for drama—it's likely used to attract mates or confuse predators in the dim depths. And here's the strangest twist: she has a built-in fishing rod on her snout—a lure to draw prey close before she strikes. This is no ordinary fish, but a wild experiment in weirdness that walks the line between alien and masterpiece.



Get non-stop summer blooms with two simple pruning tricks!





Cut faded blooms at the stem base



Deadhead every 2-3 days during peak season



Pinch young plants at 6-8 inches tall



Always use clean, sharp scissors or shears

Snip smart. Grow more. Enjoy a zinnia show all season!





Leave wilted flowers on the plant



Delay pruning until plants look messy



Pinch mature, flowering zinnias







Photos of the Month





Becky Fox Matthews



Doris Weakley



Anna Marie Allen Hibiscus in Santorini, Greece



Asha Joyce



Troy Marden



Lillian Hibbett



Julia Wilson



Jean Pickard



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Julia Wilson



Troy Marden



Becky Fox Matthews
Birmingham Botanical Gardens



Troy Marden-Cape of Good Hope



Sandy Vandenberg



Sara Jo Houghland Gill



Middle Tennessee Vaffadil Society

Fall Meeting & Bulb Swap

Sunday, September 7, 2025 2:00 pm

Bradford Room of the Frist Learning Center at
Cheekwood Estate & Gardens
1200 Forrest Park Drive
Nashville, TN 37205

You do not have to bring bulbs to receive bulbs, though membership in MTDS is required.

Becky Fox Matthews will present a brief program on the 13 Divisions of Daffodils before the swap.

Enter through the back entrance by the Cheek Road gate and tell the staff member you are there for the daffodil meeting.

Park in Lot C or D.



Nashville Rose Society



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2025 Fall Grand Prix Rose Show

will be held during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting on

Monday, September 8, 2025 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Massey Auditorium of Botanic Hall Cheekwood Estate & Gardens 1200 Forrest Park Drive Nashville, TN 37205



2025 Music City Rose Show presented by

The Nashville Rose Society







Saturday, September 13 (1:00pm - 5:00pm) Sunday, September 14 (11:00am - 4:00pm)



at

Cheekwood Estate & Gardens
Massey Auditorium
1200 Forrest Park Drive
Nashville, TN 37205



Free and Open to the Public

The Nashville Rose Society is an affiliate of TFGC.







"Birds, Bees, Flowers & Trees"

Flower Show presented by



Flower Lovers Circle

at the Middle Tennessee District Fair





District II

Fall Membership Meeting



Tuesday, October 7, 2025 10:00 am

First Baptist Church—Joelton
7140 Whites Creek Pike
Joelton, TN 37080

Additional details to follow







MIDDLE TENNESSEE DAYLILY SOCIETY



MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2025 11:00 am

SPEAKER/HYBRIDIZER
STEVEN FRANKLIN
WINDING ROAD GARDENS

MAPLE HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST 102 MAPLE HILL ROAD LEBANON, TN 37087







October 13, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Botanic Hall
Cheekwood
Estate & Gardens
1200 Forrest Park Drive
Nashville

HSMT is an affiliate of TFGC.

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



The Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee and Dillard's present a

FASHION SHOW & TEA PARTY

Fashion Show begins at 12 noon
Open to public

Tea Party follows Fashion Show

Saturday, October 18, 2025 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Supporting the "Plant a Tree" Campaign

> Dillard's The Mall at Green Hills Nashville

Branching Out
THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF
MIDDLE TENNESSEE

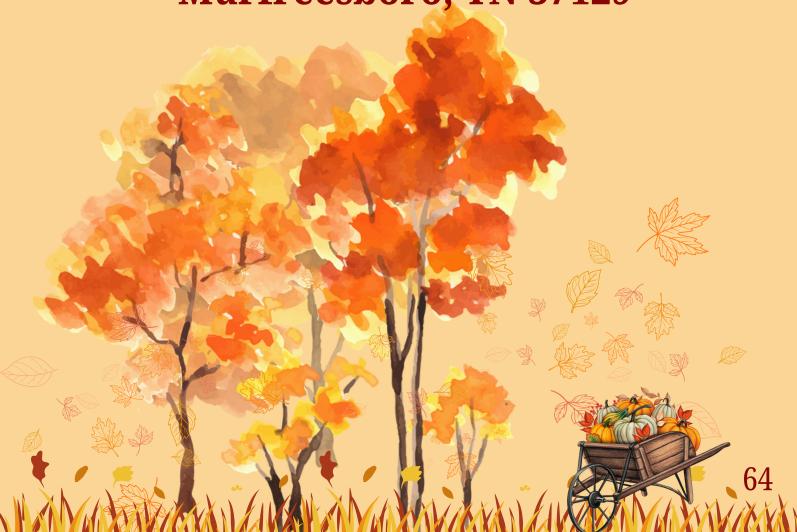
VIP Front Row Seating and Tea Party tickets can be purchased in advance.

TFGC 2025 State Board of Directors Meeting & Luncheon

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

10:30am

"Through the Grapevine" 630 Broadmor Boulevard Murfreesboro, TN 37129



Save The Date

Sparkling Settings

Holiday Luncheon

Monday, December 1, 2025

11:00AM - 1:00 PM

BOTANIC HALL CHEEKWOOD ESTATE & GARDENS,

1200 FORREST PARK DRIVE NASHVILLE





Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee

Winter Merrybership Meeting

Monday January 12, 2026 10:00 am

Horticulture Focus
& Vote on Slate of Officers



Middle Tennessee Daffadil Society



Bradford Room of the Frist Learning Center at Cheekwood Estate & Gardens 1200 Forrest Park Drive Nashville, TN 37205





National Garden Clubs, Inc.

2026 Convention

May 4 - 6, 2026



St. Louis, Missouri

Hotel Information & link will be available after October 1st.

Registration & Tentative Schedule will be available after

December 1st.

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Sheraton Music City Nashville Airport Hotel | Nashville, TN

More information coming soon!

2026ARSConvention@gmail.com



