

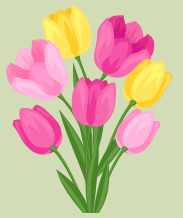


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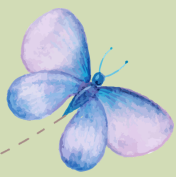
District II Newsletter

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Message from the District II Director Becky Fox Matthews



The District II Spring Membership Meeting was held on April 29th at the Brentwood Baptist Church. Twenty-nine District II Clubs were represented, with over 100 attendees. A huge “Thank You” to everyone who showed up to reconnect with friends, to meet fellow garden club members, and to hear a very inspirational and educational program!

District II Awards Chairperson, Gayle Jaggers, announced the many awards our clubs and several individuals received from TFGC. A huge “Congratulations” to all our winners and a huge “Thanks” to all our officers and committee chairwomen!

“Solitary Bees in a Honey Bee World” presented by Theresa Singer was an amazing journey into the diversity of what being a bee can be! We need to be mindful of the impact what we do to our gardens can have, and how those decisions can affect the future of our pollinators, the birds, and other creatures they support in the food chain. Let’s all try to be more conscious of the decisions on what we choose to add to our gardens.



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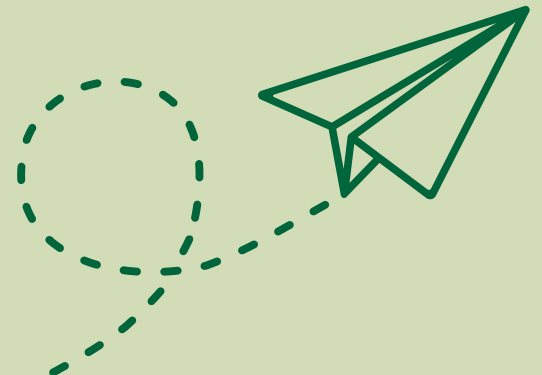
Town & Country
Garden Club





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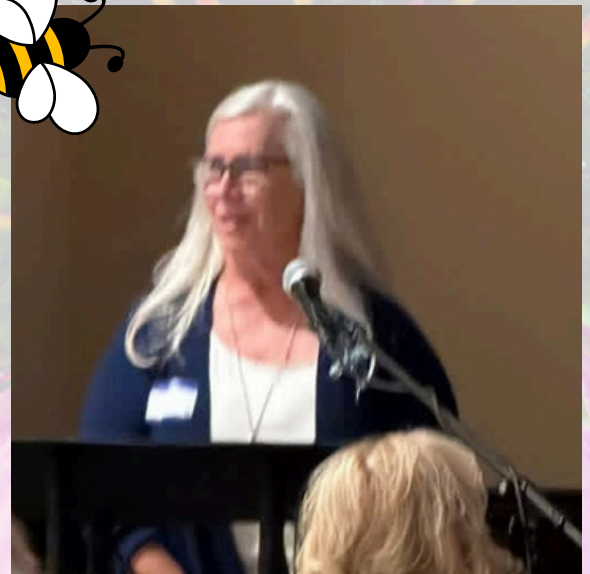


DISTRICT II SPRING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Spring 2026 District II Membership Meeting was held on April 29th at the Brentwood Baptist Church. District II Leaders presented Awards to outstanding Club Yearbooks, Scrapbooks, Flower Shows & 2025 Books of Evidence. Upcoming Events & Information about 2026 Books of Evidence was covered. Featured Speaker Dr. Theresa Singer taught us about “Solitary Bees in a Honeybee World”.



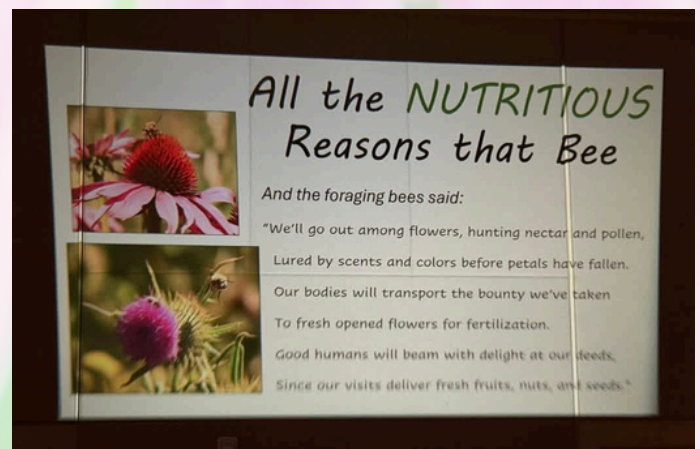
District II Director
Becky Fox Matthews



Theresa Singer



Chaplain—Annette Shrader





The Evening Belle Garden Club won several District II 1st Place Awards, including Yearbook—Large Club, Two-year Scrapbook, Horticulture-Individual—Meera Maliakkal, & Floral Design-Individual—Colleen Harris



District II Awards Chairman
Gayle Jagers



District II Vice-Director
Karen Dawson

The Optimistic Gardeners Club displayed the poster made by Lucy Mizener (Dot Taylor's granddaughter) that won 1st Place in the Smokey Bear Youth Poster Contest for Tennessee 5th graders. Members: Lillian Hibbett, Rachel Reynolds, Dot Taylor, Joe Rouse, Lynn Rouse, Carol Anne Beasley, Carole Reynolds & Beth Binkley.





Lynn Rouse presented a beautiful “Trees for Bees” poster to the guest speaker.



Clubs made floral arrangements for table centerpieces that were auctioned for fundraising.



Harpeth Bend Garden Club members—Marsha Hunt, Claudette Ryan & Beth Harlow



Asha Joyce, June Gilmore & Susan Murphy



District II Award Winners for 2025 Projects

Yearbook

Small Club

1st Place–Rachel Jackson

2nd Place–Harpeth Bend

Medium Club

1st Place–Country Homes

Large Club

1st Place–Evening Belle

Council

1st Place–T.A.G.S.

1st Place–Judges Council

National Garden Week

Small Club

Tie for 1st Place

First Saturday

Harpeth Bend

Large Club

1st Place–Optimistic Gardeners

Public Relations

Small Club

1st Place–Harpeth Bend

Large Club

1st Place–Optimistic Gardeners

Juanita Allinder Pollinator Award

Individual

1st Place–Jean Pickard

Large Club

1st Place–Optimistic Gardeners

Garden Therapy

Large Club

1st Place 19 B1–Optimistic Gardeners

1st Place 19 C1–Optimistic Gardeners

Special Achievement

Litter Control

Conservation

Individual

1st Place–Anna Marie Allen

Church & Synagogue Gardens

1st Place–Harpeth Bend

Floral Design

Individual

1st Place–Colleen Harris

Horticulture

Individual

1st Place–Meera Maliakkal

Scrapbook

Two Year Scrapbook

1st Place–Evening Belle

One Year Scrapbook

1st Place–Harpeth Bend

Highlights!

The National Garden Clubs, Inc.

2026 Convention was held

in Saint Louis, Missouri

May 4 - 6, 2026.



NGC President Donna Donnelly
with Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.
Regional Director Denise Thorne



Jeri Melton received her Five-Star
Designation for being a Master in the
four schools offered by NGC:
Landscape Design, Gardening Studies,
Environmental Studies,
Flower Show Judge



Bette Ann Fields, Lelia Johnson, Pam Braun, Cathy Waitinas,
Candace Wells, NGC President Donna Donnelly & LaQuita Misner



Deep South Garden Club State Presidents with Regional Director Denise Thorne:

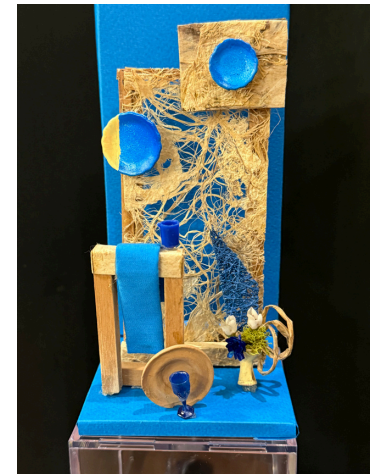
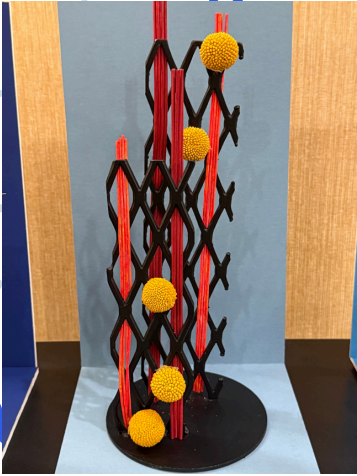
Alabama: Brent Wheeler, Florida: Christy Linke,

Georgia: Diane Hunter, Director Denise Thorne,

Louisiana: Carla Gauthier, Mississippi: Sassy Mauldin,

Tennessee: Lelia Johnson

NGC Flower Show Designs



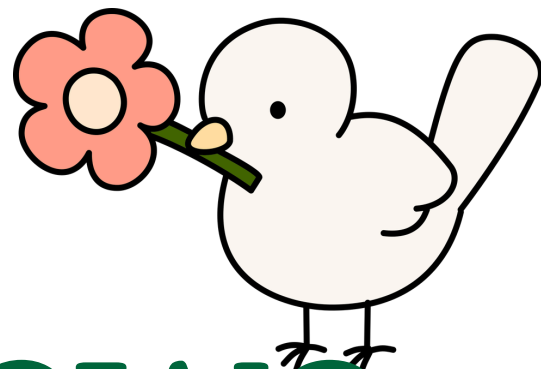
Congratulations! DENISE THORNE



NGC "America, The Beautiful"
Patriotic Petite Flower Show
Division 1 "Enjoy America"
Section B-Tri Color "Rainforests"
Class 6 "River Boat Cruising"
Parallel Design

Denise Thorne, Regional Director of the Deep South Garden Clubs, and charter member of the Town and Country Garden Club in Wilson County won Tri Color in her Section, and secured the Design of Excellence, the overall winning design at the 2026 NGC Convention Flower Show in St. Louis.

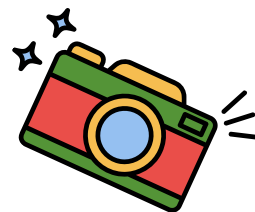




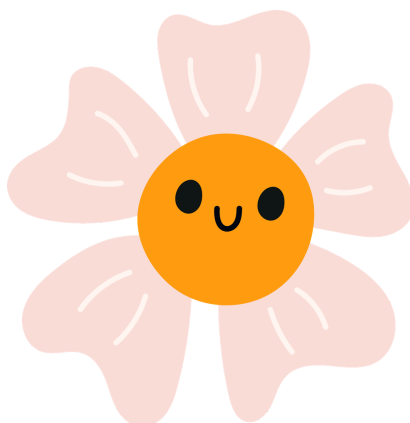
Club News

Send your Club's photos,
meeting news & events to:
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Submission Deadline for
July Newsletter is June 15th.



Country Homes Garden Club

Arbor Day Celebration

Country Homes Garden Club (CHGC) celebrated National Arbor Day April 24, 2026. This is an event CHGC has been involved with for more than 20 years by planting a tree in a public place in our community every year. This year we chose Paradise Ridge Park, aka Joelton Community Center, as the place for the planting of an eight feet tall Tulip Poplar, the TN State tree. Twelve club members, two husbands and the community center's director gathered for this event. The tree was donated by Ann Crecilius, CHGC member and Regent Fort Nashboro Chapter NSDAR, as a *LIBERTY TREE*, commemorating *America's 250th* Anniversary. The tree was also dedicated in memory of CHGC members: Ann Teasley, Pat Hale, Pam Wood and Becky Gardner.



Unloading the tree



Teresa & Melanie
digging the hole



Sandra, Teresa,
Melanie & Keri
digging



Ann,
featured speaker



Tove,
featured speaker



Crowd of club members in attendance



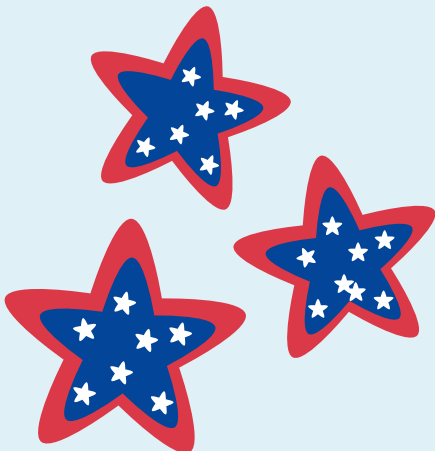
Group photo with *America 250* banner

Memorial Day

Memorial Day 2026 was remembered by CHGC by placing two red, white & blue *Star* wreaths on the Blue Star marker in Whites Creek, TN. Also the club added two red, white & blue wreaths on the historic entrance marker at Paradise Ridge Park in Joelton, TN.



Tove Rawlings



Jan Vester

Evening Belle Garden Club

Celebrated Earth Day
with pre-k students at
Christ The King School in Nashville
by helping students plant herbs in
raised beds at the school.







Evening Belle Garden Club

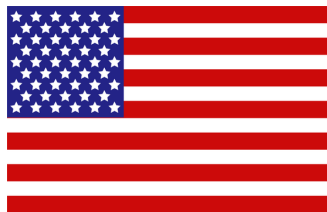
Irene's residence hosted the Evening Belle Garden Club Meeting on May 13, 2026, featuring a Plant Swap.





First Saturday Garden Club

Members of the First Saturday Garden Club, American Legion Post 40, VFW Post 6181 & VVA Chapter 1129 are working to get the Cheatham County Veterans Memorial Park ready for our Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25th. Volunteers worked planting flowers, tidying the grounds, and honoring the space dedicated to those who served. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to support this meaningful project.



Flower Lovers Circle

The Flower Lovers Circle met at Judy's house with our Annual Plant Sale among ourselves. What a fun day we had with all the goodies each member brought to share. Betsy Lee gave our devotional on Proverbs 1:5–Acts of God. Each year the plant sales have brought new beginnings for each of us to add to our own yard. We have each member tell a little bit about the plant—full sun, no sun, how to water, etc. Two of our gals wore shirts that were so cute we just had to make a picture!

Judy had some wonderful refreshments and we enjoyed a tour of her own yard, which was beautiful!



Reba, Sheila, Beth, Ruth, Nita, Betsy D., Janet, Betsy Lee, MaryAnn, Judy, Shirley, Debbie & Gail



Judy & Sheila tell members about their plants.



Sheila Jones & Betsy DeJong

Congratulations to the Franklin County Garden Club!

STATE OF TENNESSEE



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Resolution No. 207

By Representative Rudder

A Resolution to honor the Franklin County Garden Club during National Garden Week.

Whereas, gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants, and the riches of their efforts; they seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance, and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage, and flowers; and

Whereas, gardeners work to preserve our State's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; they advocate for the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world, and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and

Whereas, gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for citizens—those just learning as well as those who have years of experience; it also promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of life, and teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

Whereas, garden clubs across the State and nation make a difference in the communities wherein they reside and work; one such garden club is the Franklin County Garden Club, whose members have taken strides to preserve the environment, enhance the beauty of their community, and educate the next generation on the benefits of gardening; and

Whereas, established by Elizabeth Drake of EB Drake Nursery in 1929, the club passionately beautifies the community and promotes gardening to others, including teachers and students at Clark Memorial Elementary School, where they undertook a successful project to restore the historic Carrick Academy Bell; and

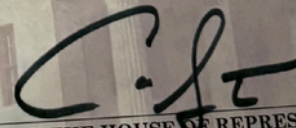
Whereas, the Carrick Academy Bell project, the largest ever undertaken by the club, was in partnership with Clark Memorial Elementary School, the Rotary Club, a local paint company, and a restoration company; the Franklin County Garden Club worked with partners to trim bushes, replace landscape fabric, provide a new flag, repair the light for the school sign, and plant a flower bed; and

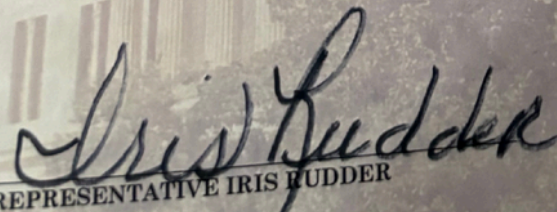
Whereas, this project, which won the National Garden Club Plant America contest, is a testament to the dedication and resourcefulness of the Franklin County Garden Club and a shining example of the important role that gardeners and garden clubs can play in their communities; and

Whereas, it is our privilege to honor this outstanding organization and its members during National Garden Week; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend the Franklin County Garden Club during National Garden Week, June 7-13, 2026, extending our sincere appreciation for the many worthy efforts of garden club members in Franklin County and throughout this State.

ADOPTED: April 21, 2026


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


REPRESENTATIVE IRIS RUDDER



Gateway Acres Garden Club

The Gateway Acres Garden Club met at the Warner Park Pavilion on Thursday, May 7th.

Susan Sinclair led the meeting discussion, followed by a Plant & Garden Supply Swap & delicious lunch!



Devotion by Becky Fox Matthews was from David George Haskell's book "How Flowers Made Our World".



Monarda, Elderberry, magazines, seeds, bulbs, containers, garden art & hummingbird feeders were among the featured swap items.

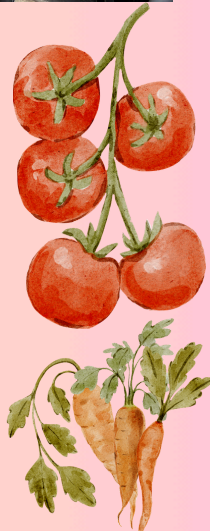


Harpeth Bend Garden Club

The club took a field trip to Heirloom Farm
at 5795 South Lick Creek Road in Franklin on May 13th.
Dan & Monica Hobbs taught the club about soil enrichments & the Farm's
fresh produce contribution to local restaurants' menus.



2026-2027 Club President Robin Nash



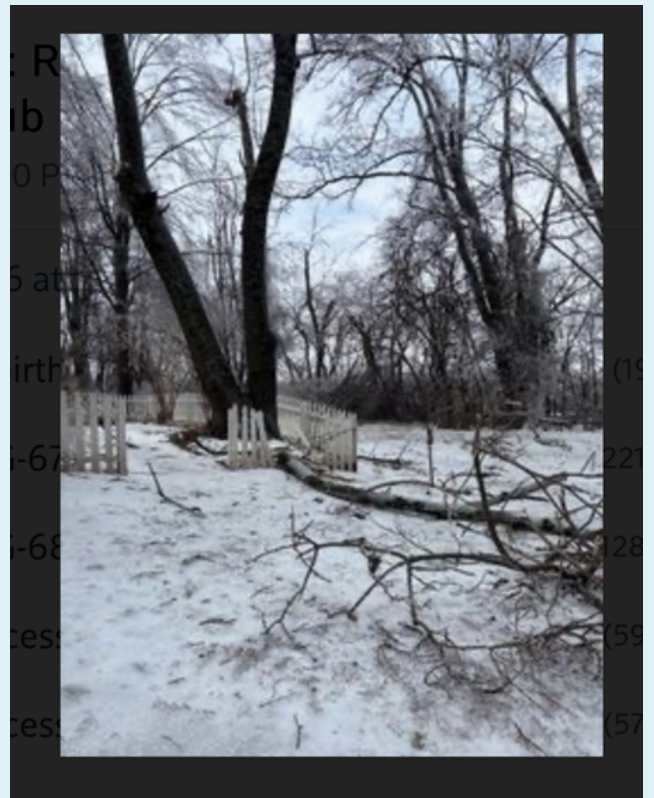
Iris City Garden Club

Rebirth at Travellers Rest:

Iris City Garden Club Restores Herb Garden After Ice Storm

In late January, an ice storm blanketed much of the Nashville area, including the grounds of the historic Travellers Rest Historic House Museum. Since 2018, the Iris City Garden Club of Nashville has been working to restore the property's original herb garden, first planted when Travellers Rest operated as a working plantation in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

The storm left significant damage across the historic grounds, bringing down large trees, crushing garden fences, and killing many plants and shrubs. With spring came an opportunity to replant and breathe new life into the herb beds. Thanks to the generosity of the Herb Society of Nashville, several anonymous donors, and funds raised by club members, new plants were installed in April. Club members will continue to maintain the garden as volunteers and serve as docents at events throughout the year.



Before

After

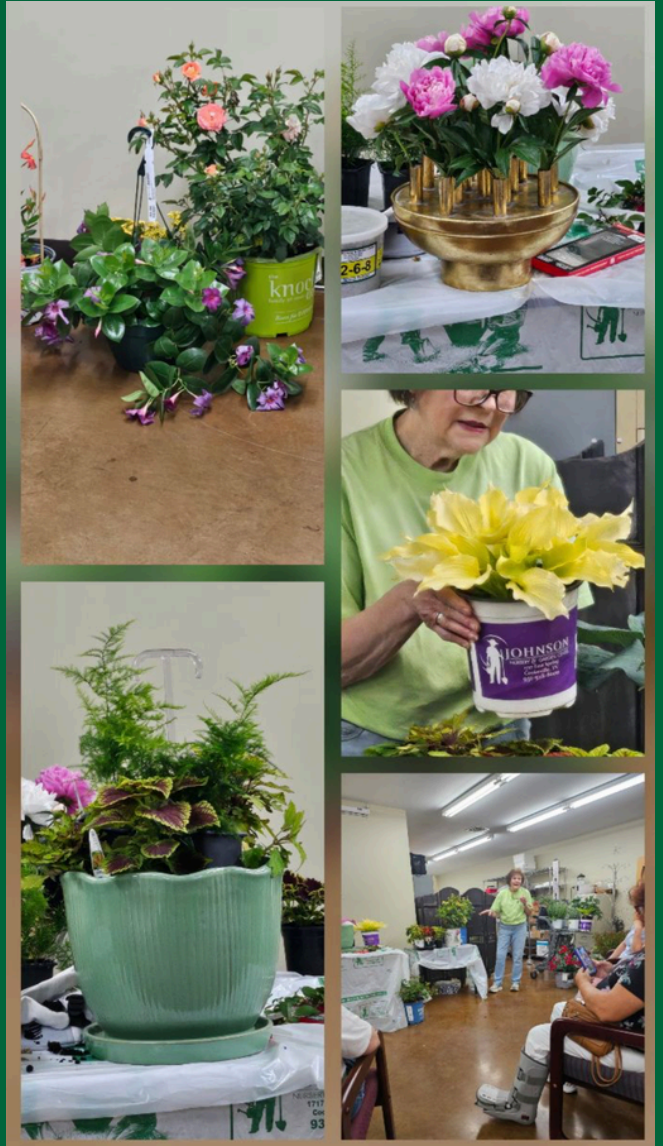
TRAVELLERS REST HISTORIC HOUSE MUSEUM



LAKE FOREST ACRES GARDEN CLUB

The Lake Forest Acres Garden Club held its April 27, 2026 meeting, hosted by member, Judy Parrish, at Johnson's Nursery in Cookeville. Owner Sarah Johnson spoke to the Club about all the beautiful new plants that have arrived this year, including the different types of Hydrangea; Hosta (e.g. Echo, Fire Island, Dancing in the Moonlight); disease-resistant roses (Petite Knockouts and Double Knockouts); and a new purplish-blue Mandevilla (Bluephoria), etc. She demonstrated potting arrangements and answered many questions of members.

She gave a beautiful container of mixed varieties including *Angelonia*, *Lantana*, and *Scaevola* as a door prize to our Club's guest, Brendie Gill, as pictured. After her presentation, all our members shopped the nursery and found some unique plants for their gardens. We want to give a shout out to Judy Parrish for arranging this fun and informative meeting, and would like to particularly thank Sarah Johnson for her time, expertise and generosity in giving our Club a special discount.





Also, in observance of Arbor Day this year, a few members of the Lake Forest Acres Garden Club planted a Japanese Maple at member Judy Parrish's home.



Pictured left to right:
Becky Brazier,
President Anice Rouse, Vice President Dana Caldwell, and Judy Parrish



Submitted by Anice Rouse

Our April meeting was held at the beautiful property of Belinda Leslie. The strolling hills and trails on her property make for an enjoyable day outside enjoying nature. After a short trail walk she showed us a Sweat Lodge that she constructed herself. This type of lodge was used by indigenous people. Hot stones placed in the middle of the sweat lodge could bring the temperatures from 90 to 127 degrees. It was a place they could gather using it like their church.



Kirsten Mason, Mary Dosen, Belinda Leslie, Maggie Frank, Julie Berry, Valerie Reid, Guest-Mad Mel, Randy & Stephanie Kelley

Leipers Fork Garden Club



A walk down the path to learn about a "Sweat Lodge"



Belinda Leslie sits in the doorway of her "Sweat Lodge". The structure is covered with blankets & a couple of fur skins.



Mary Dosen, Maggie Frank & Julie Berry enjoying dinner & the beautiful scenery in the background.



After an informative tour of the Sweat Lodge we returned to the house for a wonderful meal.

The program was about mushrooms, which was also led by Belinda. She does a lot of foraging for mushrooms on her 26 acres of land. Because the program was on mushrooms, the dinner theme was mushrooms and our food hostesses were extremely creative.



Food Hostesses:
Kirsten Mason, Mary Dosen, Julie Berry
& our hostess Belinda Leslie



Julie Berry with beautiful
mushroom-looking canapés



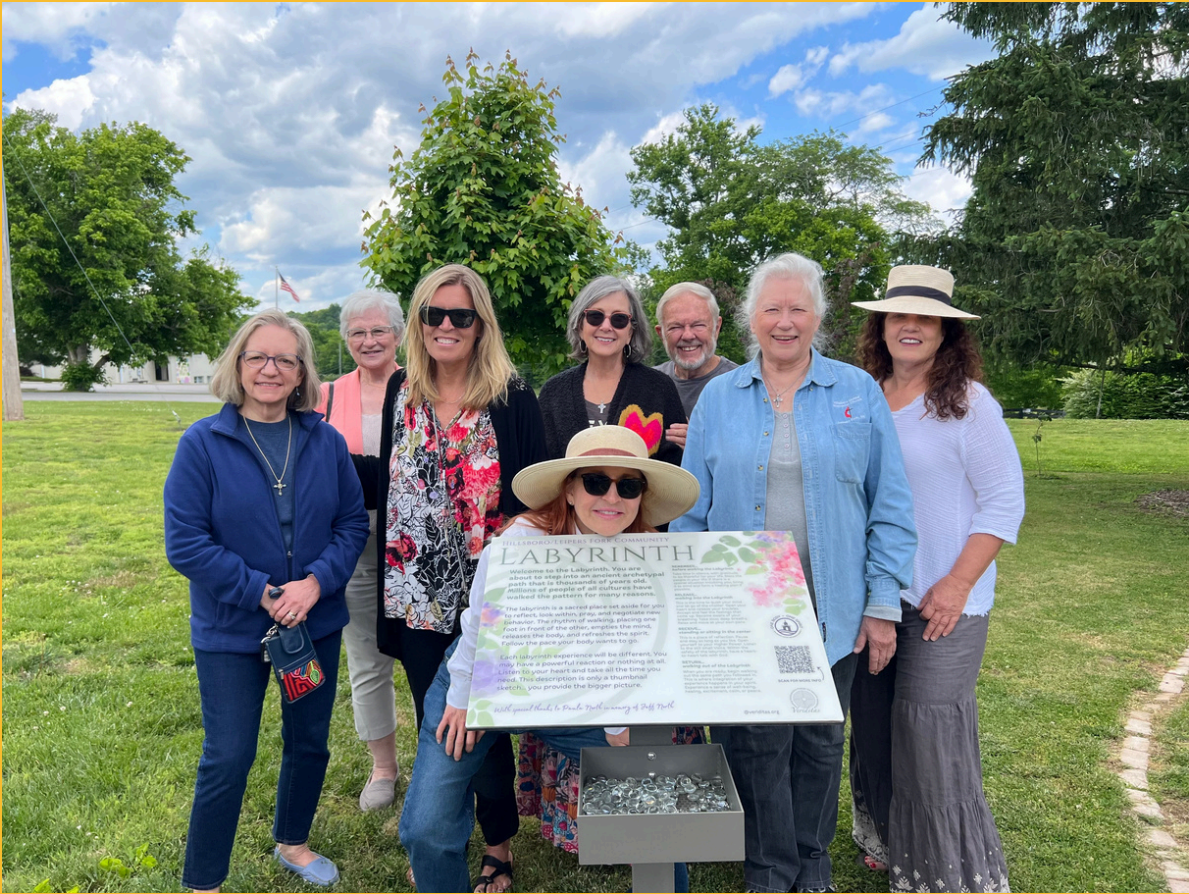
A guest, Belinda Leslie, our hostess, &
food hostesses Cherry Lane Darken &
Mary Dosen



Stephanie and Randy Kelley with
Maggie Frank



The United Methodist Church in Leipers Fork had a dedication of their labyrinth on May 2nd, World Wide Labyrinth Day. At 1pm all would walk the labyrinth and pray for peace. The Leipers Fork Garden Club supports it and has given a tile placed around the edge. The club members attending were Kathy Wood Dobbins, Faye Sturm, Nancy Quigley, Stephanie Kelley, Randy Kelley, Cherry Lane Darken, Theresa Tillinger, and Maggie Frank in front.





Optimistic Gardeners Club

May Meeting

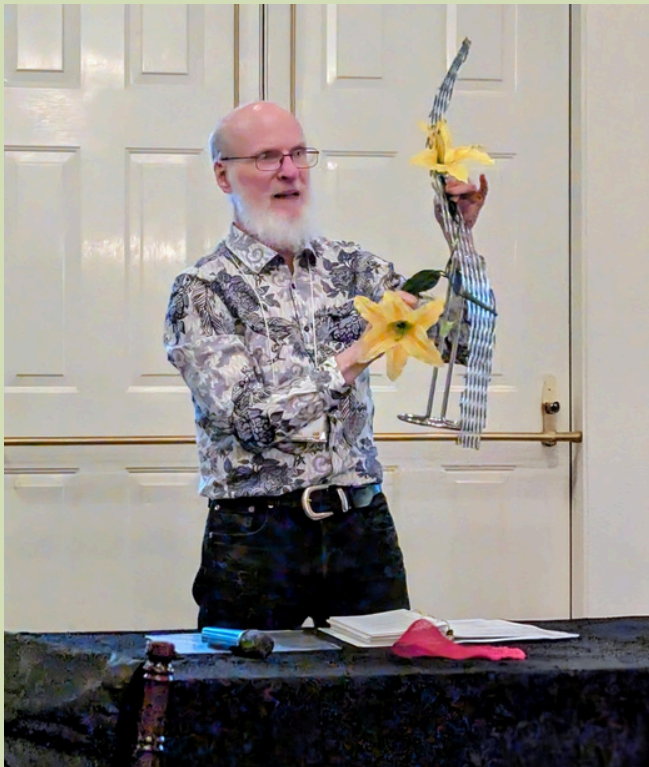


Hostesses: Shelby, Libby & Wanda





Speaker: John Florida
Bee Keeper & Master Gardener

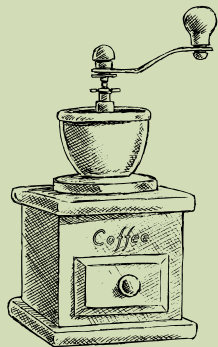


Joe Rouse demonstrated
Transparency Designs



Marion's Vintage Cards





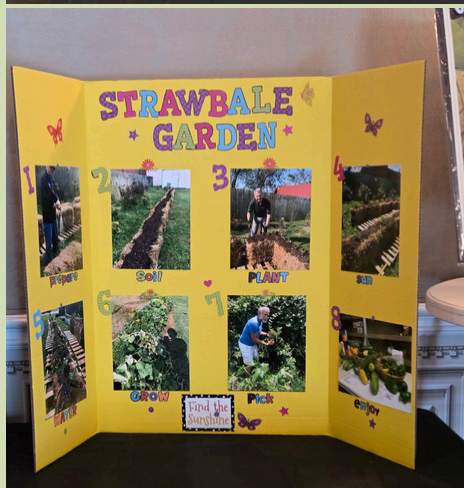
Petite & Standard Designs
were featured at the meeting.



Horticulture & Container-Grown Foliage

Photos by Julia Wilson

Optimistic Gardeners Club shared Educational Exhibits at Free Day at Oaklands Mansion on May 17th. This annual event features free admission, self-guided mansion tours, live music, artisan booths & community exhibits.



Submitted by Lillian Hibbett



Town & Country Garden Club



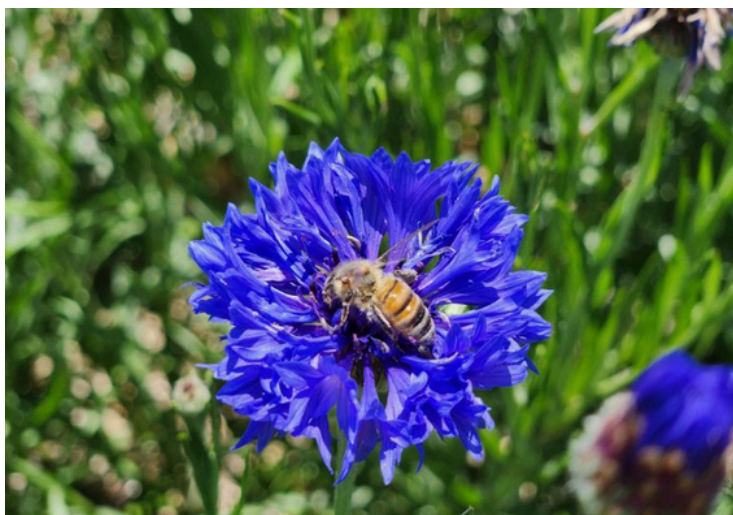
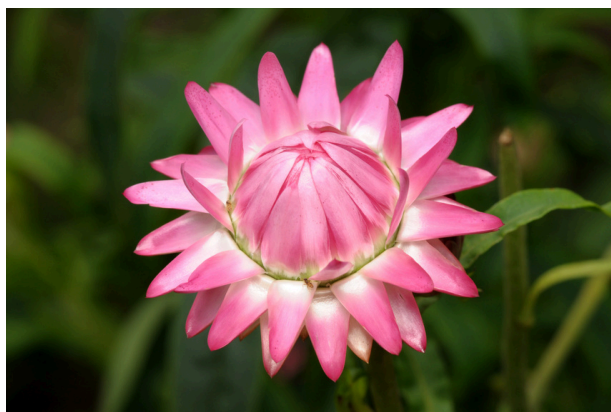
Club members from Town & Country Garden Club enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at the home of club member Angela Talley. She started a cut flower garden a few years ago, planting zinnias, *Celosia*, straw flowers, and cosmos! Most of these she dries and uses for pressed flower designs. After the delicious luncheon, she presented a program on the "Summer Flower Cut Garden".



Angela Talley, Jane Hundley,
Pace Pope, Cathy Burgman &
Jo Lovelace



Pace Pope, Cathy Burgman & Angela Talley



Submitted by Karen Dawson

Tyne Meade Garden Club

May Events Abound

Club members have been busy with projects and activities! One such project involved the purchase and planting on Arbor Day of a memorial tree at Ellington Agricultural Center Arboretum. The Golden Falls Weeping Redbud tree celebrates the lives of TMGC club members who have recently passed away—Karen Cameron, Peggy Dughman, and Laila Isla. The work was guided and assisted by Master Gardeners Shirley Lee and Chuck VeHorn.



Club members wetting and outlining the hole.



The Golden Falls Redbud was planted & surrounded by deer fencing.



Exhausted but happy! From l to r: Shannon Thurman, Kathy Brown, Master Gardener Chuck VeHorn, Master Gardener Shirley Lee, Susie Jones, Marlene Key, Doris Weakley, and Carol Smith. Photo taken by club member Monty West.

Another Spring club activity involved the freshening up of the culinary garden at Grassmere in preparation for the Zoo's Farm Day on May 15. Members focused on the herb beds, but we found our Hurricane Katrina rose, the Peggy Martin, had become a showstopper!



Herb



beds

coming to life! Nancy Goodrich working under the Hurricane Katrina rose.

TMGC Members attended the District II Spring meeting and auctioned our table's centerpiece. The program provided excellent information about the value of bees.



Enjoying the program and lunch! From l to r: Shannon Thurman, Kathy Brown, Susie Jones, and Janeene Larkin Horn.



May Speaker Focuses on 'Ice Apocalypse'

Our May meeting speaker was Russell Kirchner, representing District 5 of the Nashville Beautification Commission. He spoke on "Tree Loss During Winter Storm Fern and What It Means to Nashville" in a lively and engaging way, noting that he preferred the term "Ice Apocalypse" instead of "Winter Storm Fern." Club members heartily agreed.



Doris Weakley (left) and Carol Smith welcomed Russell Kirchner to our meeting.



Doris Weakley provided attractive table centerpieces in cans that members purchased.

May definitely brought club members many opportunities to come together, work productively, expand our knowledge, and just enjoy one another's company.

Submitted by Kathy Brown
First Vice President of Tyne Meade





Volunteer Garden Club



April meeting hostess
Suzanne Bobo with Mary Alexander



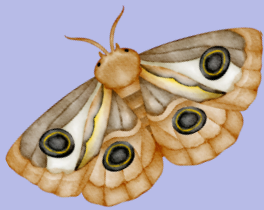
April meeting hostess Aleitha Kimbro
& daughter Cindy



Allen Cook gave an interesting presentation on
the distinctions between butterflies & moths.



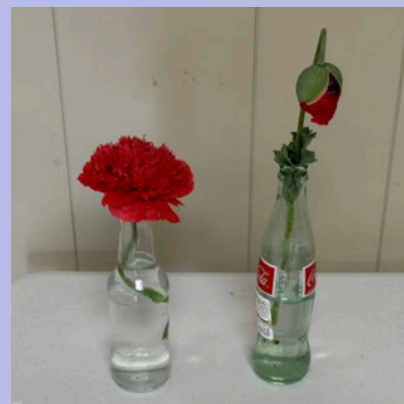
April Horticulture "What Have You"



Left to right: June Gilmore, Liz Southern, Tina Johns, Allen Cook & wife Debra.



For the club's May Meeting, the featured design was an informal picnic table for two & Horticulture was the "What Have You" category. Specimen of The Month was Poppy.



May Hostesses:
Mary Alexander & Patricia Shavers

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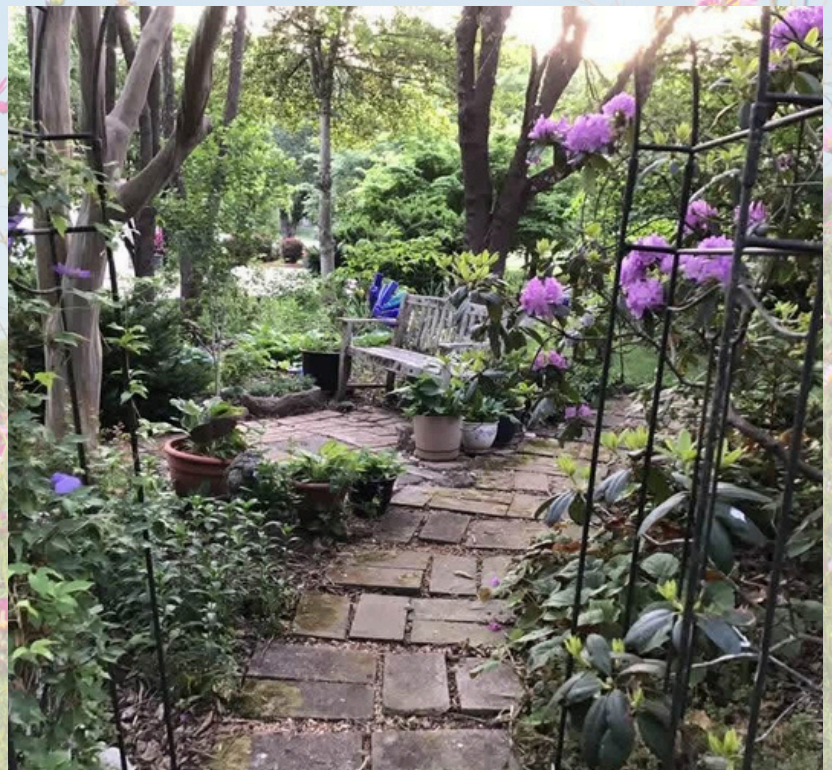
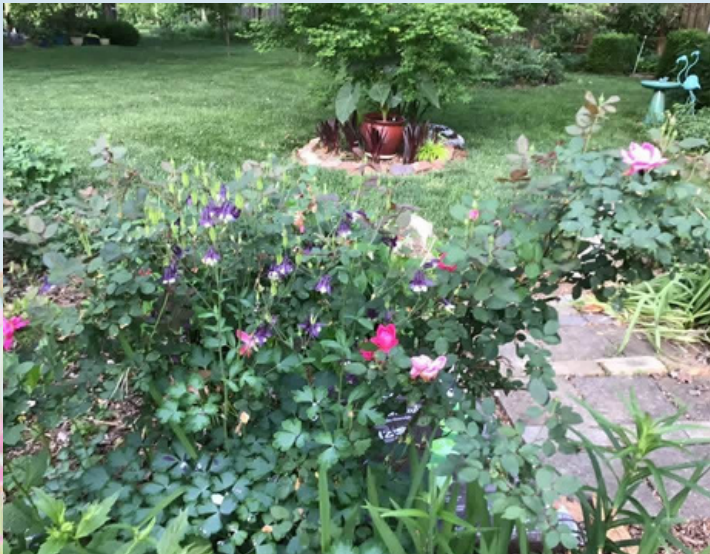
Members listen as guest judge June Cortner discusses the table settings. Left to right: Ann Spencer, Judy Smith, Mary Alexander, Frances Baucom, June Gilmore, June Cortner, Aleitha & Laura Kimbro



Featured Gardens in District II

Doris Weakley

Tyne Meade Garden Club



Asha Joyce

Evening Belle Garden Club



Annette Shrader

Clarksville Garden Club

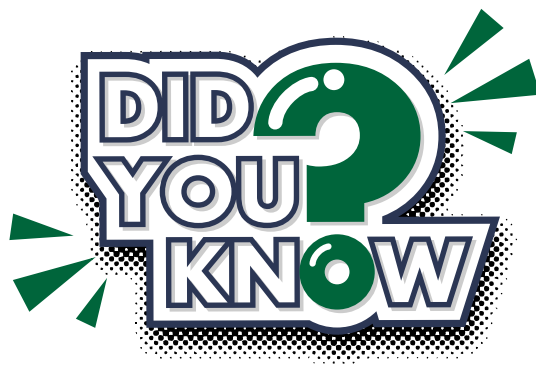


Jean Richardson

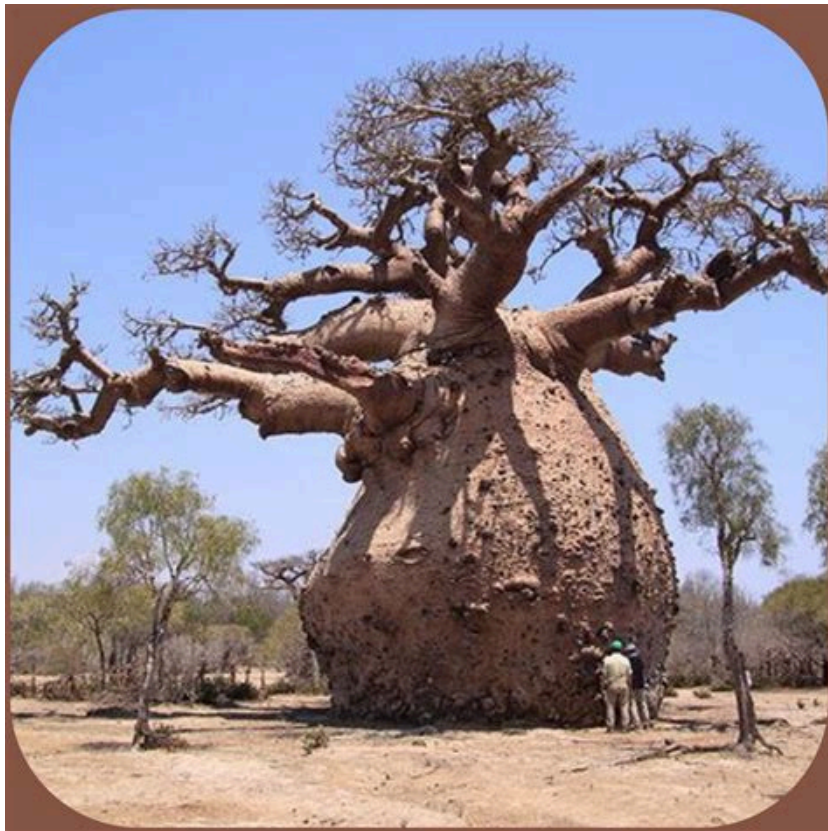
Country Homes Garden Club

“Lilium x hybridum (Little Kiss) lily. It has 50 + blooms on it this year. The plant is about four years old and comes back every year.”





There is a 'Tree of Life'?



The magnificent Baobab tree *Adansonia digitata* grows on the African continent. Its bark and fruit offer over 300 life-sustaining uses, thus known as 'The Tree of Life'. These trees can grow up to 100 feet tall and nearly 150 feet wide and survive in dry climates.

Each tree can store up to 120,000 liters of water in its swollen trunk. They can live for up to 5,000 years.



Jolly Sinha is a member of TFGC, the Rachel Jackson Garden Club, New Neighbors Garden Club, T.A.G.S., District II Judges Council, HSMT & the Organization of Floral Art Designers (OFAD). She is a regular contributor to the column "Did You Know?"

Fun Facts

Feed the Bees, Feed Ourselves

Bees are our most important pollinator, with an estimated 20,000 species worldwide. As far back as ancient Egypt, we were keeping bee hives & harvesting honey, and we rely on bees to pollinate many fruit and vegetable crops. Today's bees face many challenges, including habitat loss, but gardeners can support bees simply by limiting pesticide use & planting more flowers. 😊



Upcoming Events



The Year Round Garden Club

Presents

THE MITCHELL HOUSE THROUGH TIME

An NGC Standard Flower Show

Thursday, June 4, 2026
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

at
The Mitchell House
106 N. Castle Heights Avenue
Lebanon, TN 37087

Open to the Public
Free Admission
Handicap Parking Available

Member of
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.
Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., District II





National Garden Week

June 7 - 13, 2026



Celebrate National Garden Week in your community!

This week is an opportunity to encourage pride in your community, interest new members and work with other groups to be part of those efforts.

Ideas to Consider:

- **Plan an educational program and/or workshop at your local library, public garden or garden center.**
- **Sponsor a hands-on “How Do You Select Flowers/Shrubs for Your Garden” workshop at an area nursery.**
- **Plan a garden tour. This is a great time to share your knowledge of growing while sharing ideas.**
- **Plan an activity with a youth group or school students.**

Garden Lovers Club

presents

“Little Things Mean a Lot”

An NGC Petite Small-Standard Flower Show

Friday, September 11, 2026

Show Viewing Hours 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Staged at *Through the Grapevine* (Suite 190)

630 Broadmor Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37129-0902

Admission is free and open to the public
Handicapped Accessible

Affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

District II of Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Whimsical Gardens

An NGC Small Standard *Outdoors* Flower Show
for the Community

~Presented by Flower Growers Garden Club~

Saturday, September 26, 2026
12 pm ~ 3 pm

Home of Kim Orrand, 1922 Saddlebrook Drive, Murfreesboro TN
37129 ~ Text {615} 631~4060



Free~Open to the public, Handicapped Accessible

Affiliated with: National Garden Clubs, Inc. Deep South
Garden Clubs, Inc. Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs,
Inc., District II

***All District II Garden Clubs are invited to
enter*** ~ {Please contact Kim Orrand text {615} 631-4060
for the complete Schedule}

Horticulture Division I {container grown succulents,
decorative foliage, cut flowering & herb specimens}
Design Division II {18 creative designs}



TFGC CONSERVATION CAMP



2026



**Tuesday & Wednesday,
October 13 - 14, 2026
Beersheba Springs, TN**

Theme: “Mother Nature Wants You!”

**The venue will be the
Beersheba Springs Assembly,
an historic hotel and retreat.**

**Conservation Camp Co-chairs Debbie Shaver & Anne Leonard,
& Registrar Diane Ryder are putting together programs, activities
& nature crafts that will appeal to everyone!**

**The registration fee, which includes your room, all meals & tax,
will be a pleasant surprise in this time of skyrocketing costs. 😊**



**List of activities & registration information
will be provided soon!**



The Rachel Jackson Garden Club presents



An NGC Petite Small-Standard Flower Show
Friday, October 16, 2026

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





HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF
MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Fall
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

10:00 a.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026

JOURNALIST AND PODCASTER DEMETRIA KALODIMOS
WILL INTERVIEW SCULPTOR ALAN LEQUIRE
ABOUT THE ADDITION OF WATER FEATURES TO HIS ICONIC *MUSICA*
INSTALLATION, AS WELL AS THE CREATION OF A NEW URBAN PUBLIC PARK
AND GREEN SPACE SURROUNDING IT.

Botanic Hall
Cheekwood Estate & Gardens
1200 Forrest Park Drive Nashville



*Save
The
Date*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2026

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE



PRESENTS

*Sparkling
Settings*



DEEP SOUTH CONVENTION MAR 14-16, 2027
Tuscaloosa, Alabama - Embassy Suites Hotel



PETALS OF THE PAST, ROARING 20^S NIGHT, TEA PARTY AT HISTORIC MANSION, TOUR UNIV OF ALABAMA FOOTBALL STADIUM, DESIGN PROGRAMS, GREAT FOOD, FUN, FRIENDS, AND SHOPPING



Save the Date

April 19 – 21, 2027

**Tennessee Federation of
Garden Clubs, Inc.
2027 Convention**

“Entwined with Nature for Over 100 Years”

**Embassy Suites
West Knoxville**

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

2027 Convention

May 13 – 17, 2027

Madison, Wisconsin





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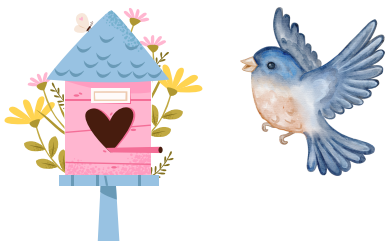
Thank You

for reading the June 2026

District II Newsletter

The articles & photos included in this & all issues are provided by you the reader. If you have a suggestion or a gardening interest that you would like to see in the publication, please let me know, and I will do my best to include it.

I don't have email addresses for every District II member, so I rely on club presidents to forward the email containing the Newsletter to their club members. If you would like to receive the District II Newsletter directly to your inbox from me, just email me, and I will add you to the email list. 😊



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Inspiration for Your Next Fruit Bowl



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