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Doris Weakley's front porch
Tyne Meade Garden Club

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Flower Show Highlights

On September 29, 2026, a luncheon to benefit Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. scholarships was held at the beautiful home of Deep South Regional Director Denise Thorne, followed by an NGC Standard Flower Show. Here are some highlights of the luncheon & Flower Show!











Optimistic Gardeners Club was well represented: Carol Anne Beasley, Marion Butler, Lynn Rouse, Mary Hoenigmann, Wanda Copley & Lillian Hibbett.











Beautiful Floral Designs at the Show!

































Photos by Anna Marie Allen, Lillian Hibbett & Julia Wilson

Horticulture













WELCOME TO OUR DISTRICT II

CLUB NEWS



Send your club's photos, meeting news & events to:
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Submission Deadline for the December Newsletter is November 15th.

Anna Marie Allen
District II Newsletter Editor



Country Homes Garden Club

Country Homes Garden Club celebrated its 94th Anniversary at September's meeting.



Our presenters were Melony Penick & Jean Richardson.



Our hostesses were Ann Crecelius & Joy Markham.







Design & Horticulture exhibits



Jean Richardson, Club President Judy Johnson & Martha Clark



Submitted by Melony Penick

Evening Belle Garden Club

Christ The King School 2nd graders enjoyed learning about different trees & leaves in the Fall Citizen Scientist Project led by club members.



















Submitted by Asha Joyce. Youth Photo Releases on file.

Flower Growers Garden Club

A Stroll Through the Enchanting "Whimsical Gardens" Flower Show



"Whimsical Gardens," an NGC Small Standard Flower Show presented by the Flower Growers Garden Club, transformed a member's Murfreesboro backyard into a delightful garden showcase on September 26, 2026.
Guests entered the show through the backyard gate, where Rachel Bush, the club's Hospitality/Sunshine chairman, warmly welcomed them.



Just inside the gate on the left stood a monarch butterfly enclosure designed to protect caterpillars, chrysalises, and newly emerged butterflies. On the day of the show, it housed four {4} feeding caterpillars, three {3} chrysalises, and five {5} newly emerged adult butterflies, with zinnias, asters, and sugar water provided for nourishment.

Descriptive Tour {continued}



After passing the butterfly enclosure, guests encountered **Division II ~ Section A ~ "Fantastical Dreams" ~ Class 1, "The Graceful Rhythmic Flight of a Butterfly,"** ***featuring creative designs composed entirely of fresh plant material. {Far left: Blue ribbon; center left: White ribbon; center right: Red ribbon}***



Continuing beyond the first design class, guests encountered **Division III ~ Education ~ Section B ~ Exhibit 2 ~ "Monarch Butterflies Life Cycle"** ***{Red ribbon}. This informative exhibit guided visitors through the monarch butterfly's complete metamorphosis—egg, larva, pupa, and adult—while describing each stage in detail, emphasizing the vital role of milkweed, and explaining the monarch's successive generations.***

Descriptive Tour {continued}



To the left stands a 1945 antique wood stove, framed by sunflowers, marigolds, and basil planted to help deter rabbits.



On your right, the greenhouse—constructed from old windows—is surrounded by assorted flowers and a whimsical fairy fountain.

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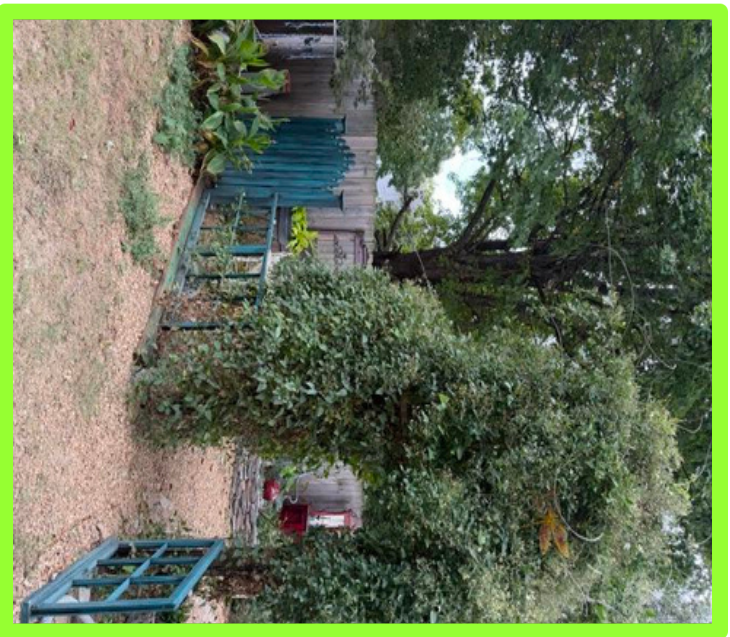
Next on the left, guests encountered **Division III ~ Education ~ Section B ~ Exhibit 1 ~ "Nature Friendly Gardens"** ***{Blue ribbon}. This award-winning exhibit introduced club members and the public to the importance of nature-friendly gardening, offering practical guidance for creating these spaces, explaining their environmental value, and directing visitors to helpful resources and additional information.***

Descriptive Tour {continued}



Continuing along the path, guests arrived at **Division II ~ Section A ~ "Fantastical Dreams" ~ Class 2, "Enchanted Forest,"** ***featuring a floor design composed entirely of fresh plant material. {Far left: White ribbon; center left: Blue ribbon}***





Turning to the right, guests were greeted by a charming birdbath display that gently guided them toward the pond's inviting arched entrance.

Descriptive Tour {continued}



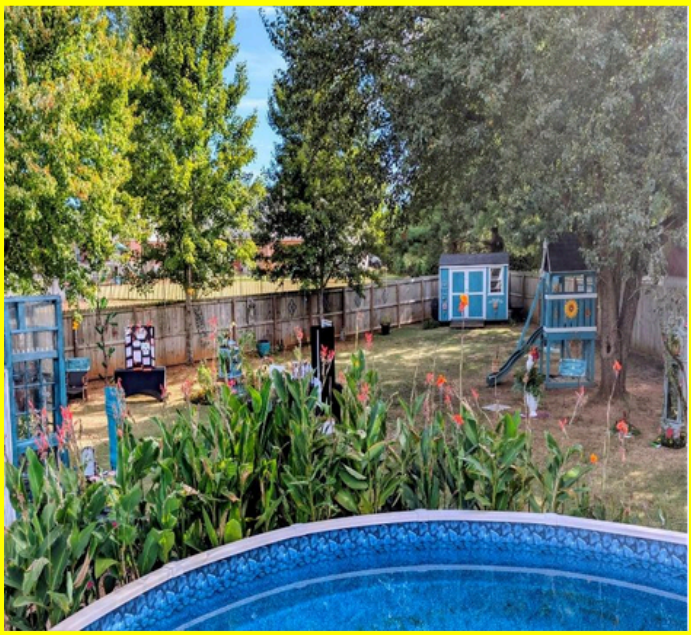


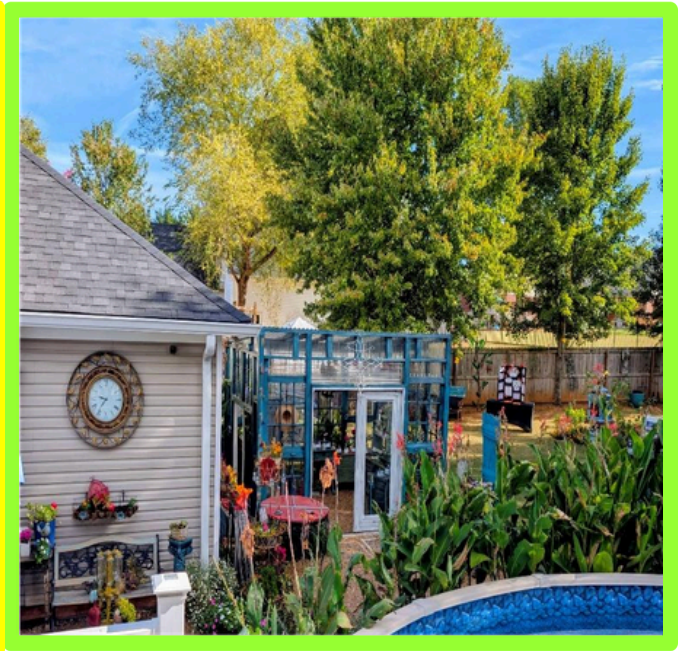
Beyond the arch, guests were welcomed into an enchanting flower-themed bedroom, with the serene stone pond creating a picturesque view at the end of the path.



Division II ~ Section A ~ "Fantastical Dreams" ~ Class 4 "Mermaid Fantasy" ***A creative design with all fresh plant material. {Far left Blue ribbon, center left Red ribbon, center right White ribbon, far right Yellow ribbon}***

Descriptive Tour {continued}





Leaving the enchanted flower-themed bedroom, guests followed the path around the pool and onto the deck, where the next design class awaited.







Division II ~ Section A ~ "Fantastical Dreams" ~ Class 3 "Repurposed Whimsical Charm" ***A creative design with all fresh plant material. {Center left Blue ribbon, far right Red ribbon, center right Yellow ribbon}***

Descriptive Tour {continued}



Stepping down from the pool deck to the patio, guests discovered **Division I ~ Section A ~ "Medusa's Succulents" ~ Class 1 ~ Echeveria.**



Division I ~ Section A ~ "Medusa's Succulents" ~ Class 2 ~ Jade

Descriptive Tour {continued}



Division I ~ Section A ~ "Medusa's Succulents" ~ Class 4 ~ Any other succulents



Inside the greenhouse, guests discovered **Division I ~ Section B ~ "Demeter's Favorites," featuring Class 5 ~ Coleus, Class 6 ~ Colocasia, and Class 7 ~ Monstera.**

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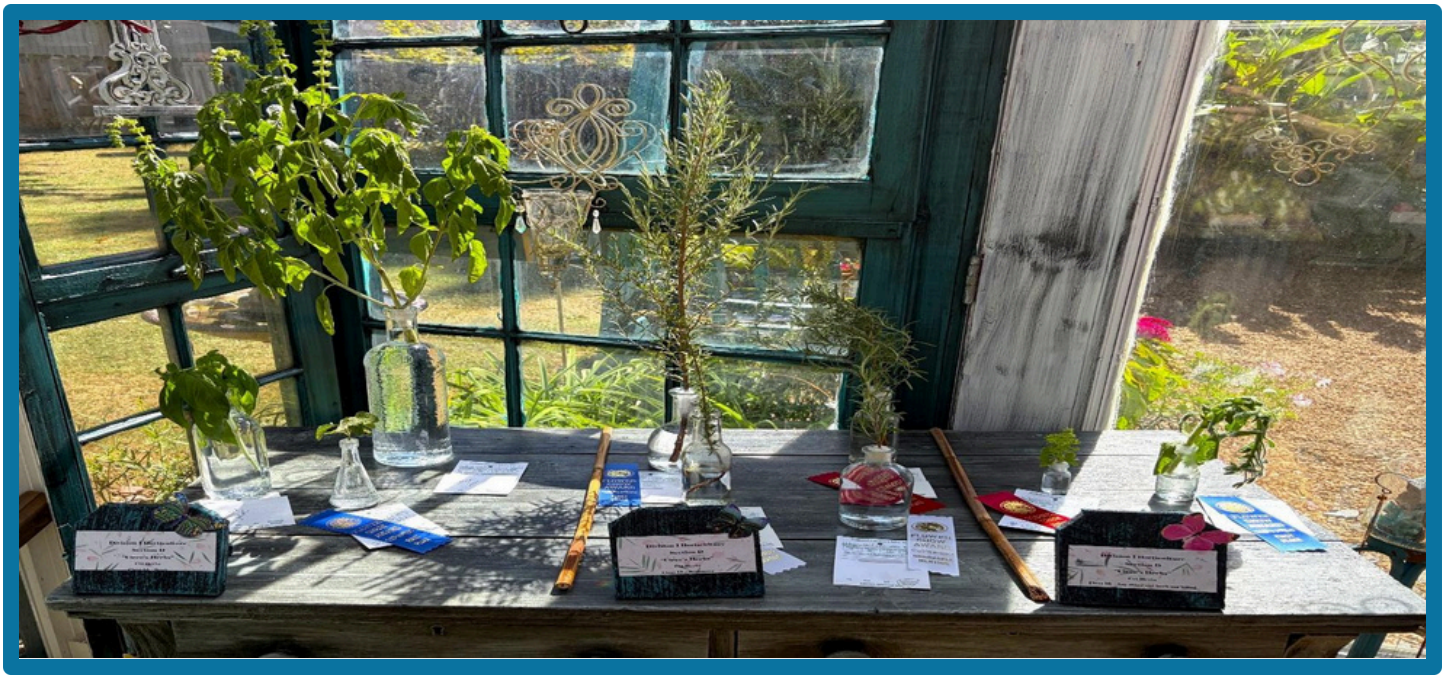


Division I ~ Section B ~ "Demeter's Favorites" featuring Class 8 ~ Any other cut Foliage; Section C "Gerda's Blooms" Class 10 ~ Milkweed; Class 11 ~ Rosa



Division I ~ Section C ~ "Gerda's Blooms" featuring Class 12 ~ Any other Flowering annual/perennial

Descriptive Tour {continued}



Division I ~ Section D ~ "Circe's Herbs" Class 13 ~ Basil, Class 15 ~ Rosemary, Class 16 ~ Any other cut Herb specimen



Division I ~ Section E ~ "Antheia's Vegetables" Class 18 ~ Peppers, Class 19 ~ Tomato, Class 20 ~ Any other home~grown Vegetables

NGC Division Top Exhibitor Awards

Each top exhibitor award winner must be a blue~ribbon winner, scoring 95 or above in its section. It must be correctly named according to the show schedule specifications.



Award of Horticulture Excellence

Division I ~ Section B ~ Class 6 ~ Colocasia



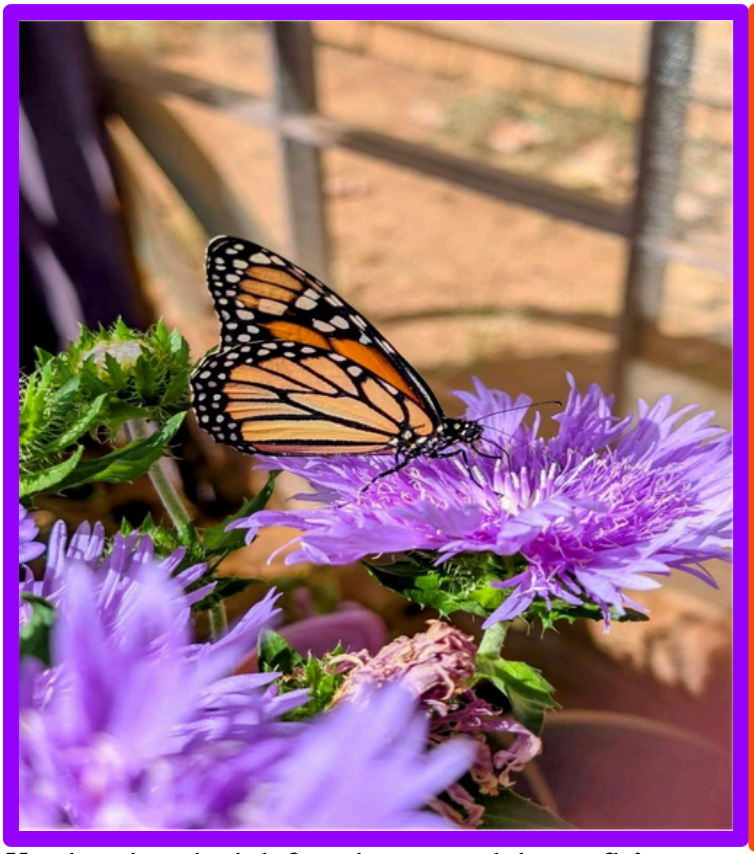
Grower's Choice Award
Division I~ section A ~ Class 2 ~ Jade



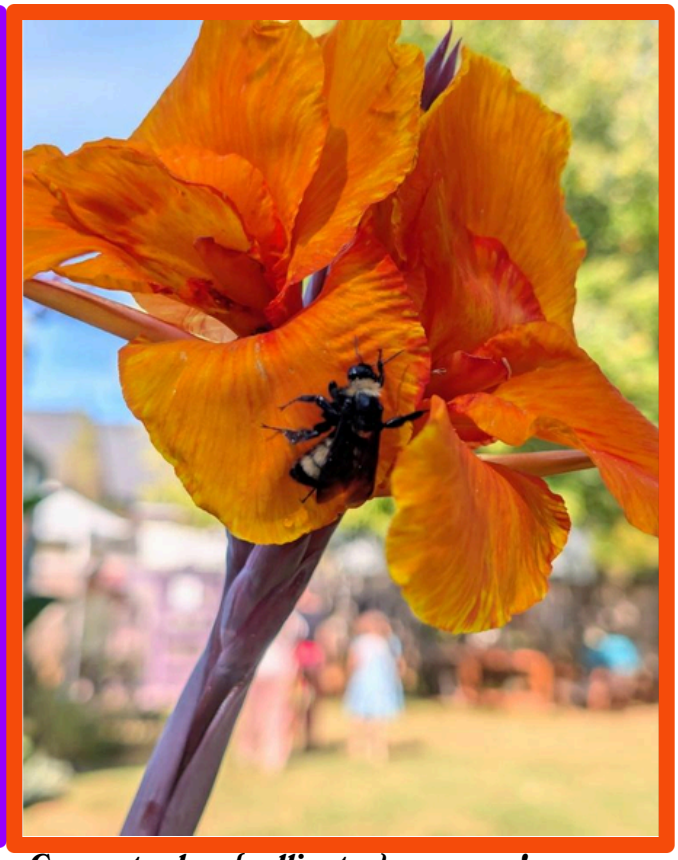
Award of Design Excellence and Tricolor Award
Division II ~ Section A ~ "The Graceful Rhythmic Flight of a Butterfly

A Creative Design with all fresh plant material. No height limits; width limit 18 inches; depth limit 18 inches. Placed on a repurposed tablelike structure, staged outdoors. Exhibitors may furnish a 2D/3D backdrop and matching underlay if desired. Four exhibits in this class.

Other Whimsical Features



Newly eclosed adult female monarch butterfly!



Carpenter bee {pollinator} on canna!



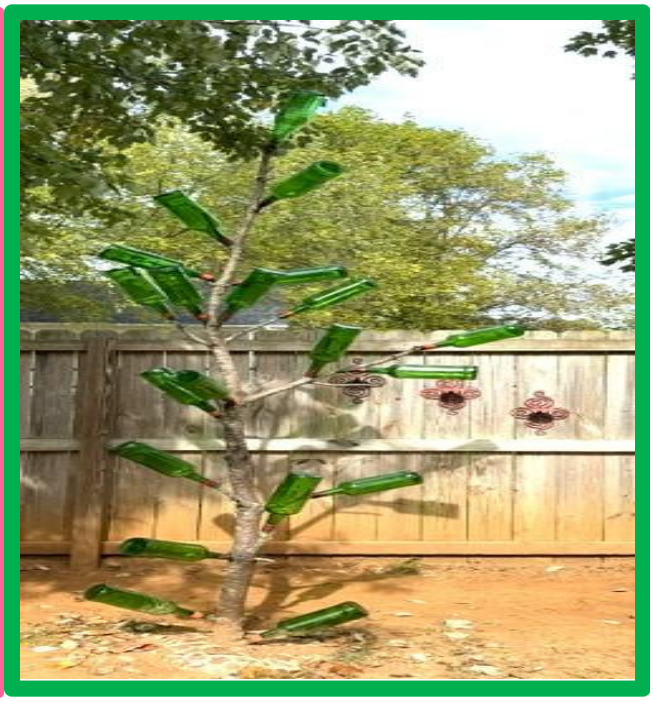
Monarch waystations provide critical resources!



Fifth instar caterpillar looking for perfect spot!

Other Whimsical Features {continued}





Whimsical touches include shimmering hanging crystals and a charming bottle tree!

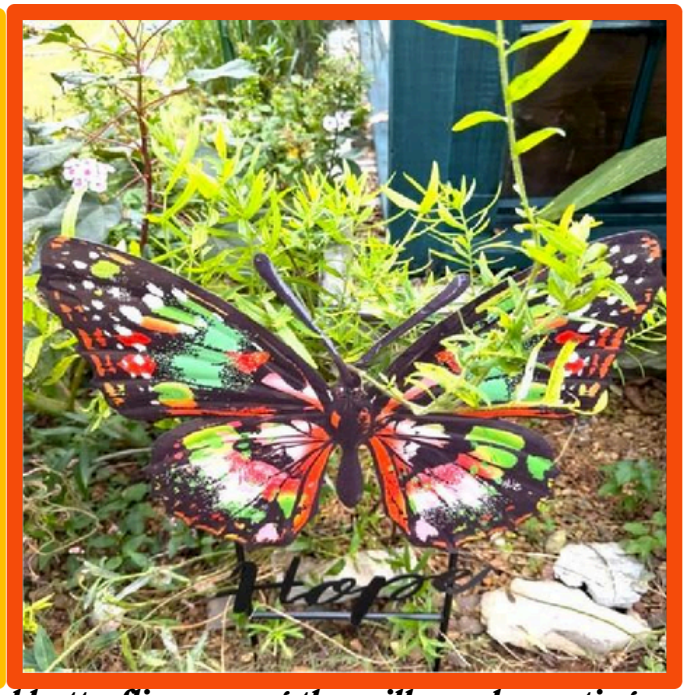




Imaginatively repurposed features include a rotating bar dispenser and an elegant metal dress form!

Other Whimsical Features {continued}





Vibrant potted blooms mingle with graceful metal butterflies among the milkweed, creating a lively garden vignette!





A graceful mermaid keeps watch over the pond, while packets of flower seeds invite guests to carry a touch of the garden's magic home!

Signage











Featured signage included the front-yard sign (top left); a welcome sign handcrafted from fence boards (top right); a horticulture sign, also crafted from fence boards (bottom left); design signs fashioned from cabinet doors (bottom center); and horticulture section and class signs made from fence boards (bottom right).

Submitted by Kim Orrand

FRANKLIN COUNTY GARDEN CLUB

At our September meeting we learned about using flowers and herbs to make healing salves and ointments. Club member Sandi Eichenberger hosted the meeting at her home and gave a guided tour of her formal herb garden. She grows many of the flowers & herbs that are used in her salves. Seventeen members attended this most interesting program on the different methods and equipment she uses.





One of Sandi's salves



Sandi in her herb garden

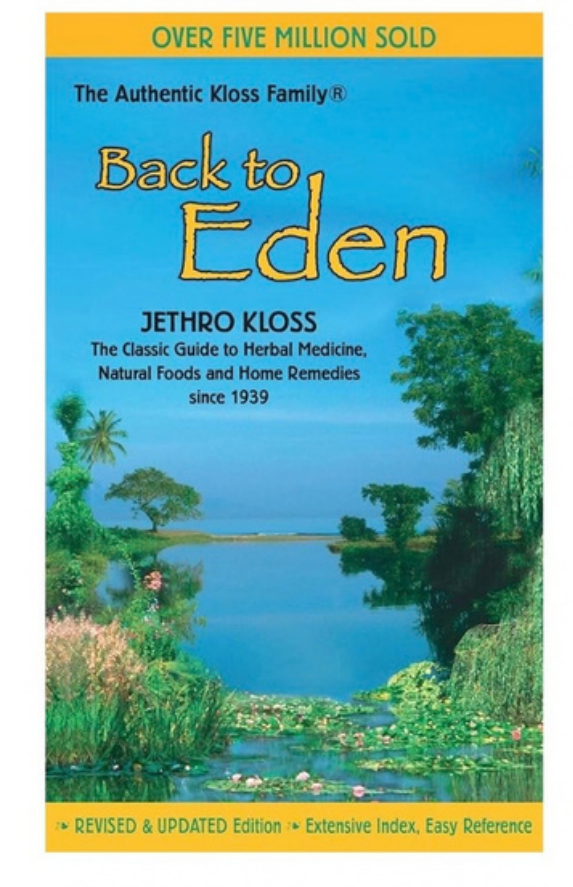


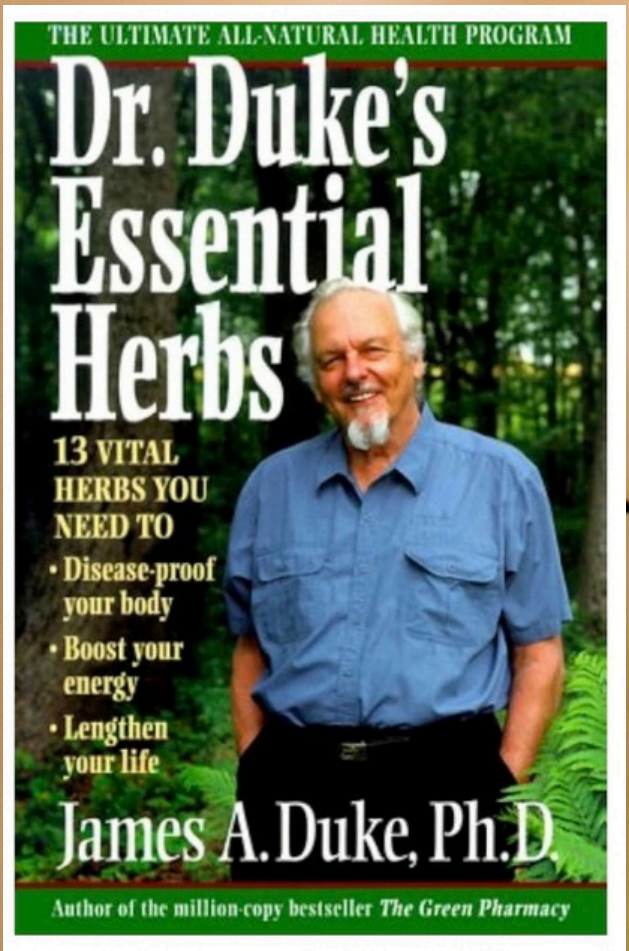
Members viewing the herb garden:
Left to right: Donna, Angie, Karen, Gail, Marian & Helen.

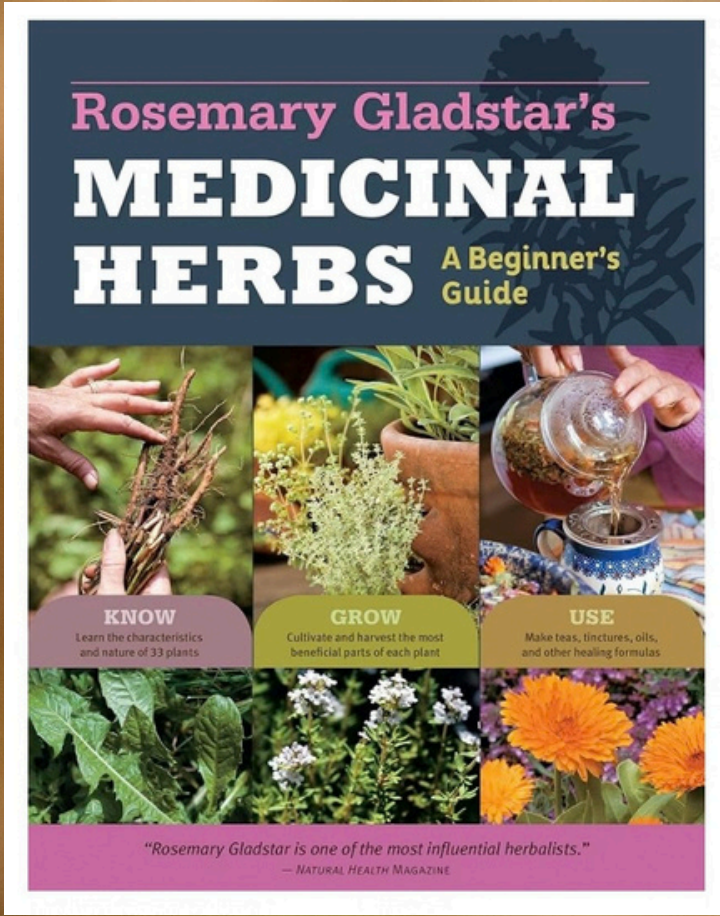


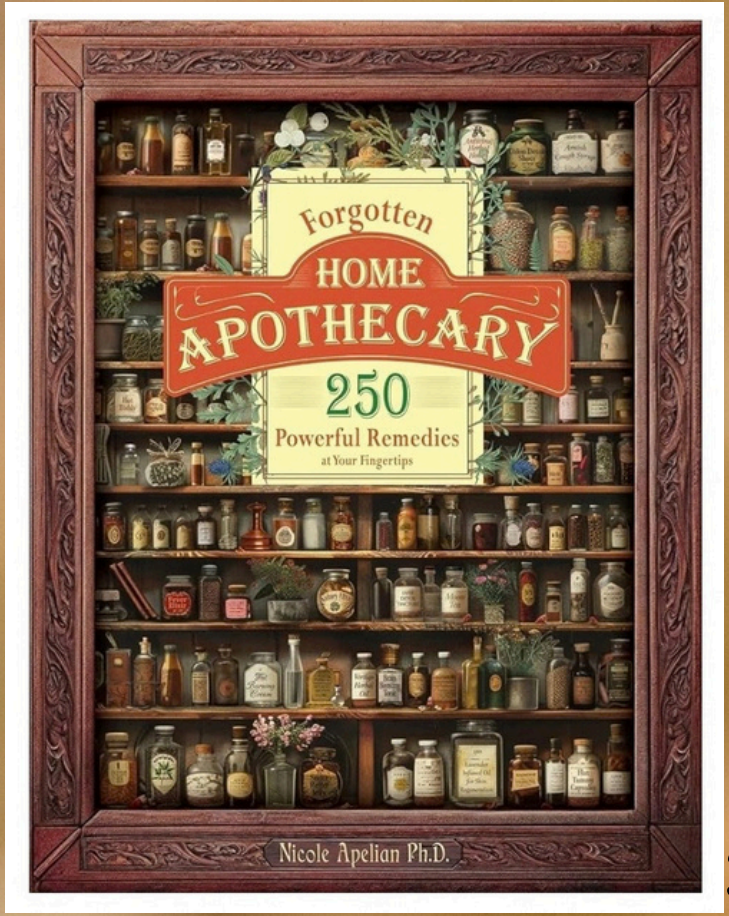
Speaker Sandi, Lola & Pedie showing our garden shirts, & Leslie with the red cap.

Sandi's Reference Books. These are all available on Amazon.com.









Franklin County Garden Club members attended Conservation Camp at the Beersheba Springs Assembly. Sandi Eichenberger & Blossom Merryman attended the Camp. Lola Eslick & Kristy Rogers attended the TFGC 2026 Annual Business Meeting.



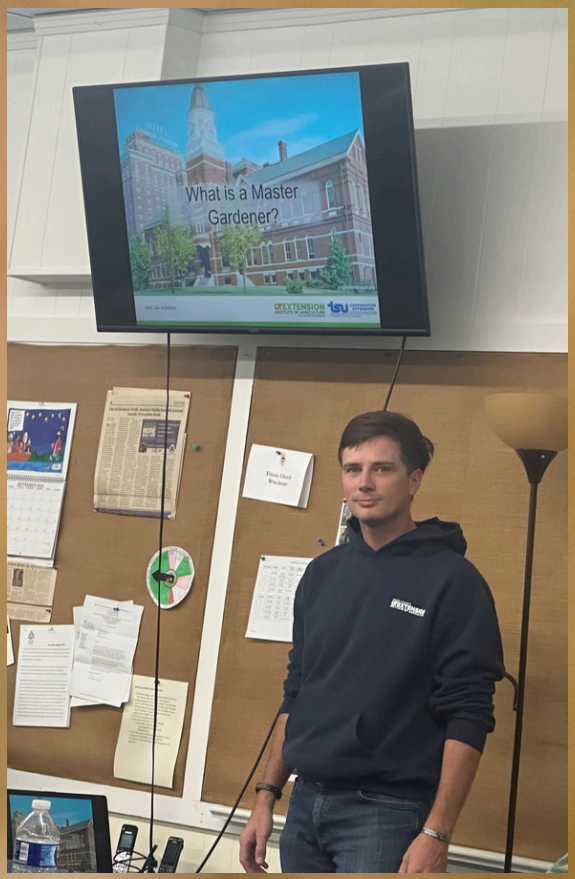
Sandi making a fashion statement.



Kristy & Lola



October Meeting
"What is a Master Gardener?"



Submitted by Lola Eslick

Gateway Acres Garden Club

The Club met on October 1, 2026 at Pam Braun's Cabin near Leipers Fork. Our program was an *Ikebana* Workshop led by Dr. Hideko Shimizu, Senior Lecturer in Japanese & Asian Studies at Vanderbilt.



Dr. Hideko Shimizu





Bette Ann Fields





















Design & Horticulture were judged by Bobbie Wolcott

Becky Fox Matthews & Camille Baskerville









Harpeth Bend Garden Club



The Club met on October 14, 2026 at the Brentwood Library. Missy Hetzer presented a program on how to make a Basket Arrangement using Ball jars.





Missy Hetzer





Betty Chapman, Robin Nash & Karen Brommer





Joan Bailey



Alma Henson, Mary Dorning, Marsha Hunt,
Margaret Reeves, Betty Chapman & Robin Nash





Claudette Ryan & Mary Dorning



Submitted by Marsha Hunt

Lake Forest Acres Garden Club

Every year the Lake Forest Acres Garden Club holds its annual “Potluck” picnic in September at the home of member and parliamentarian, Beverly Lutz. It’s always such a beautiful time of year for the event. After such a hot summer (which seems to now include September!), we were fortunate that the temperature was perfect. The atmosphere was so relaxing and, of course, the food was delish. Husbands were invited and you will see a few of them sprinkled in the attached photos. And, it goes without saying, their doggie Pepper is always included in the festivities!





We want to give a big thank you to Beverly and her husband Tom for sharing their beautiful lake home. A good time was had by all!











Submitted by Anise Rouse

Leipers Fork Garden Club

Our September meeting was held at the home of Maggie Frank and we were welcomed with her standing in her yard with her chickens.





Cherry Lane Darken, Stephanie Kelley, Terra Lovelace, Maggie Frank & Julie Berry gathering our herbs of sage, thyme and rosemary to make our herb bundles.

The program for the evening was *Forest Bathing*, enjoying the earth and trees and walking the property. This is a process that is meditational and medicinal helping keep your blood pressure in check. We had a good supply of sage, rosemary, and thyme that we grew and brought to then make herb bundles and a dried orange slice and a garlic bulb gave it the extra touch. We topped it off with an herb tea that Danea Garrett, our presenter, brought for us to enjoy. The herb bundles could be used for cooking or just to hang in your window as a decoration. We then had a most delicious dinner which was brought by Mary Dosen, Julie Berry and Judi Stutts and we ended with our meeting and horticulture.





Mary Dosen, Julie Berry and our hostess Maggie Frank and her sweet Willow.



Randy Kelley showing his horticulture with Chantal Margottin



Enjoying the horticulture with a native plant that was used by Indians. Back is Mary Dosen, guest Angela Mason, Terra Lovelace, Danae Garret, & Belinda Leslie. Front is Julie Berry, Maggie Frank & Kirsten Mason



Clare Maness, Patsy McFadden, Jodi Stutts, and Stephanie Kelley

Submitted by Faye Sturm

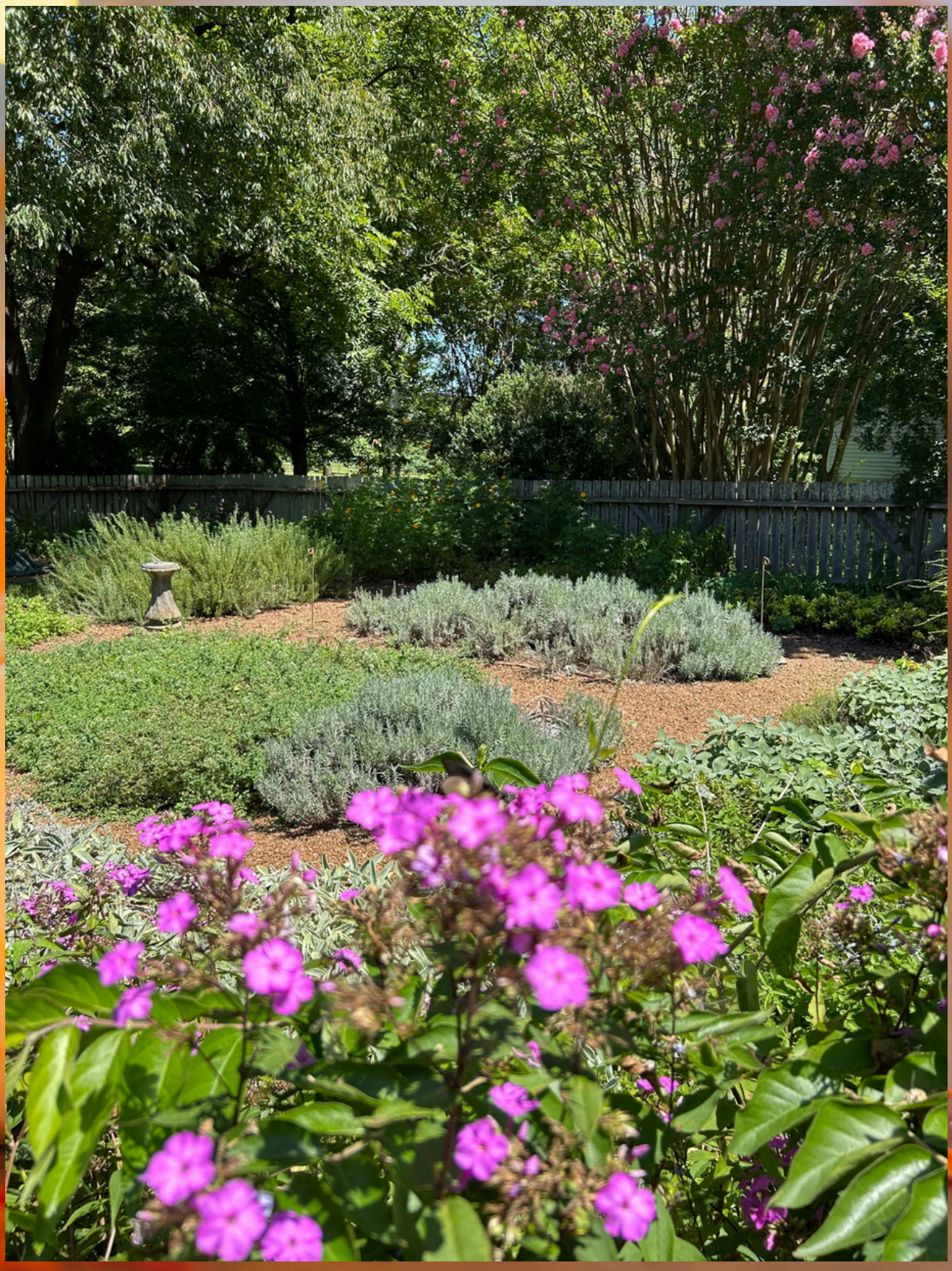
Optimistic Gardeners Club

Members enjoyed a September lunch at
Miss Polly's Tea Room at the
Sam Davis Home in Smyrna.



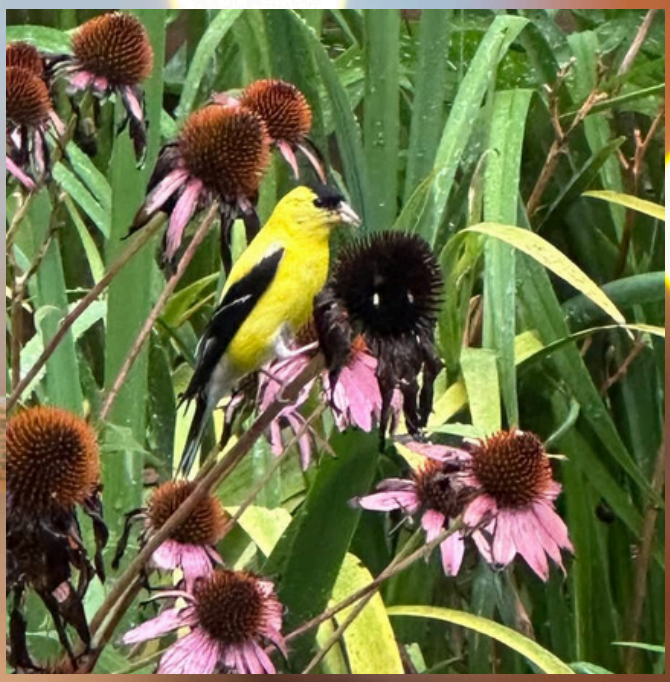
Left to right: Marion Butler, Shelby Moore, Lillian Hibbett, Wanda Copley, Beth Binkley, Mary Lou Gudelis, Carol Anne Beasley, Debbie Fisher, & Jeanne Teeter

Optimistic Gardeners Club maintains the Herb Kitchen Garden at the Sam Davis Home.



Members Julia Wilson, Carole Reynolds & Jan Crossett are sharing "bird pictures" in their gardens for our September theme. Goldfinch...pretty bright yellow!







THE GOLDFINCH ON YOUR FEEDER IS ABOUT TO TURN BROWN.



NOW
The last nests of the year are still full. It is the latest nester on your street.

MID SEPTEMBER
The young are out, begging in a wheezy voice from the sunflower heads.

LATE SEPTEMBER
Every feather goes, the gold first. The molt takes six to eight weeks.

NOVEMBER
Olive brown, in a flock of thirty, and the neighbors swear it is a different bird.

MARCH
The gold comes back a patch at a time. Same feeder, same seed, same bird as before.

Submitted by Lillian Hibbett

Gourd display at Technology Engagement Center in Murfreesboro



Lillian Hibbett & Sandy Estes

"*Shades of Autumn*" was our October 7, 2026 theme. Hostesses: Ruth Taylor, Jenny Reid, & Sharron Hofer. Delicious lunch, pretty decorations and little vases as favors for each member.



Jan Crossett, Carol Anne Beasley, Marion Butler & Debbie Fisher



A big *THANK YOU* to Kay Clark who brought gourds and peppers from her garden to share.
Left to right: Kay Clark, Lillian Hibbett, Shelby Moore & Anita Wherry



Pretty pumpkin made by Sheila Byberg





Marion Butler:
Spotlight on *Culinary Herbs*
that she grows.



Dot Taylor, Barbara Forsythe
& Kim Sadler



Jeanne Teeter, Holly Kyle
& Joe Rouse



Lynn Rouse explains *Table Artistry*—
The difference between *Functional Table Setting* and *Exhibition Creative Design*



Botanical Arts—Collages

Abstract Designs containing plant material

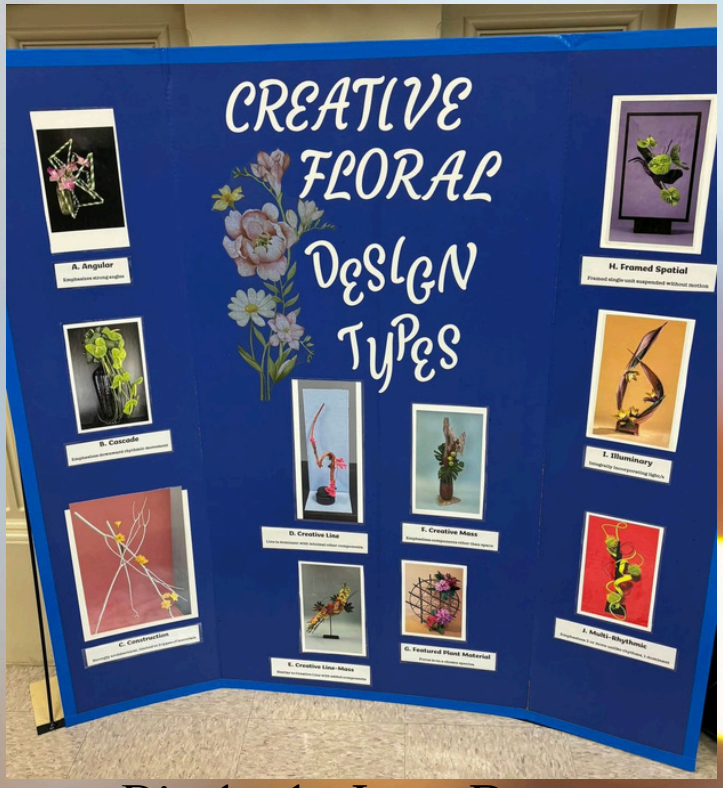




Sharron Hofer shared info about Yaupon Holly, a woody evergreen shrub. Leaves were once used for ceremonial tea and also used by Confederate soldiers and southern civilians when regular supplies of Asian tea and coffee were cut off by Northern Naval blockades.



Beth Binkley & Dot Taylor
with their Collage



Display by Lynn Rouse



Collages



"Creativity with Pumpkins"
display by Lillian Hibbett

Submitted by Lillian Hibbett

Tyne Meade Garden Club

Tyne Meade members met for an early October meeting at Johnson's Chapel United Methodist Church. What a welcome change from last month's soaring heat!



Members celebrating the cool nights and warm days!
Clockwise: Sheila Turk, Doris Weakley, and Susie Jones.



Janeene Larkin Horn recapping selection process and candidate slate.

Carol Smith provided an update on the Grassmere project, and our next workday was planned. Upcoming tasks will include harvesting, followed by winter mulching.

Our prospective slate of officers for the 2027–2028 term was presented by Election Commissioner Janeene Larkin Horn. A quorum was present, a vote was held, and all nominees were approved. It is hard to believe that 2027 is already on the horizon!

A Timely Topic for Gardeners



Janet Brownlee providing drought-tolerant options.

Our speaker this month was former Tyne Meade president Janet Brownlee, who addressed a topic that has caused much wringing of hands among gardeners. This summer's precipitation deficit, coupled with extreme heat, left many of our plant babies struggling. As we replace plants or add new ones, we should consider choices that can withstand limited rainfall and severe heat. Janet shared many beautiful and hardy perennial and tree options, along with helpful tips for getting new plants established under challenging conditions. Here's hoping for a more temperate 2027!

Horticultural Society Fashion Show and Tea Party

Several Tyne Meade members attended the Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee's Fashion Show and Tea Party, an event benefiting the *Branching Out* campaign, which has a goal of planting 500,000 new trees by 2030.

Models of all ages, popular music, a preview of upcoming color trends and styles, and pastries shared with friends made for a delightful Saturday afternoon!

Submitted by Kathy Brown
First Vice President of Tyne Meade



Nancy Goodrich gets an early seat at the Tea Party

Year Round Garden Club



Year Round Garden Club Members Shine at the Recent Tennessee State Fair Flower and Horticulture Show

One of the former presidents of Lebanon's Year Round Garden Club and a new member of the club both earned ***Best of Show*** Awards from the Tennessee State Fair and First Place Blue Ribbons in the Wilson County Fair, held in the same location, for their horticulture exhibits.

Emily Peyton earned the Blue Ribbon in the category of "*Horticulture, Herbs Cut Specimen*" for her sage entry. Emily says she chooses to grow sage for two important reasons. She "loves the purple flowers in the spring," and she uses sage often in cooking as a delicious addition to an autumn meal. "My favorite way to use it in cooking is to fry the sage leaves in salted butter and sprinkle it on the top of butternut squash soup."

Recently welcomed club member Katie Black earned the Blue Ribbon in "*Horticulture, Native Leaf Specimen Grown to Exhibit*" and a *Best in Show* award for her large, tropical caladium leaf, named "*Miss Muffet,*" which is a medium green sprinkled with white and pink.

"I just loved the spots on this leaf but had no idea how it would do," she added. However, this award-winning caladium has become a new favorite. She continues to grow her caladiums on the back porch underneath a television. "They require no maintenance; they just pop up in midsummer out of nowhere."

Submitted by Marjorie Lloyd

NOVEMBER Critter Report

by Kathy Rychen

Just sharing thirty (30) Weird and Crazy Animal Facts

1. **Bats** save the US economy between $3.7 and $5. Billion dollars per year by eating insects and other pests that harm agriculture.
2. **Dogs** have a sense of smell that is 100,000 times greater that a human's but they only have a sixth (6^{th}) of our taste buds.
3. **Horses** have at least 17 documented facial expressions they use to communicate with each other.
4. **Rodents** can't burp or vomit, this is why rat poison is so effective – most other animals would regurgitate the toxic substances.
5. **Rats** laugh when they're tickled, they make high-pitched squeaking sounds, showing that they experience joy and playfulness.
6. **Reindeer** eyeballs turn blue in the winter to help them see when light levels are low. Their eyes are normally a golden-color in the summer.
7. **Armadillos** can inflate their stomachs and intestines with air to float on water.
8. **Turtles** are more likely to be born female rather than male when the weather is warm.
9. **Turtles** hibernate underwear and they breathe by extracting oxygen from the water through blood vessels in their butt with is called 'cloacal respiration'.
10. **Crocodiles** can't move their tongues at all, because they are attached to the roof of their mouth to protect their airway when they are underwater.
11. **Owls** don't have eyeballs, they have eye tubes which are cylinder-shaped eyes set in their skull. They turn their head so far around because they can't move their eyes.
12. **Roosters** open their beaks to crow and their ear canals close off to block the loud sound, which is how they avoid damaging their own hearing.
13. **Woodpecker** tongues are so long that they wrap around the bird's brain which protects them from brain injury during their high-speed pecking.
14. **Hummingbirds** are the only bird that can fly backward.

15. **Pigeons** have been proven to detect cancerous cell in medial samples with a high degree of accuracy.
16. **Flamingos** are born gray and they turn pink due to compounds in their diet of brine shrimp and blue algae.
17. **Male Seahorses** give birth instead of females, they have a special pouch where females deposit their eggs for fertilization.
18. **Butterflies** taste with their feet, each foot has chemoreceptors to help identify plants. Female butterflies will "drum" on a leaf to find a suitable place to lay their eggs.
19. **Spider Silk** is thinner than a human hair but five (5) times stronger than a piece of steel that's the same width.
20. **Black Widow Spider** venom isn't toxic to every animal. Cats and Horses are highly susceptible to it while dogs are fairly resistant. Sheep and Rabbits are immune to the venom.
21. **Mosquitoes** are the world's deadliest animal, over one (1) million people are killed each year from a mosquito-borne diseases like Malaria, Dengue Fever and Yellow Fever.
22. **Female Mosquitoes** only bite humans.
23. **Houseflies** use their feet to find sugar, their feet are ten (10) million times more sensitive than a human's tongue.
24. **Monarch Butterfly** it would take about one-hundred (100) Monarch Butterflies to weigh just one (1) ounce.
25. **Baby Elephants** will suck on their trunks for comfort, much like how human babies such their thumbs.
26. **Bees** when stressed they release an alarm pheromone that has a banana-like smell to humans.
27. **Vultures** will urinate on their legs to cool down in hot weather and to kill lingering bacteria and parasites.
28. **Polar Bears** have black skin underneath their white fur that helps trap heat in their cold climate.
29. **Sharks** only kill about ten (10) humans per year.
30. **Blue Whale** their tongue can weigh as much as an adult elephant.



Kathy Rychen lives in Mt. Juliet, TN. In 1973 she became an active member of the Rachel Jackson Garden Club. In 1981, she organized & is an active member of T.A.G.S. (Tennessee Arrangers & Growers Society) which is an NGC Flower Show Judges Study Club. She is an active member of the District II Judges Council and an NGC Emeritus-Master Judge. She enjoys the challenge of seeing the potential of things that most discard but can be made into containers for Standard Size and Petite Size Designs.

this seed is in most pantries?

I got some seeds from the Brentwood city library seed exchange. It was identified as 'Love in the Mist'. The flowers were pretty blue in shade. The plant is known for its showy pods.

I googled 'Love in the Mist' and got the name "Nigella." Interestingly, it had an alternate name of 'black cumin.' I knew I had this seed in my pantry. I threw these seeds in the ground and got some pretty white flowers similar to the blue ones. *I grow it as part of my diabetic garden.* King Tuts' tomb has this spice to preserve his body . It is widely used in India and the Mediterranean as a culinary spice.

The more I researched, I found that the white flower is known as Nigella sativa, whereas the blue one is Nigella damascena. Since the white flower seeds are edible, I guessed the blue one probably isn't. Nigella damascena (blue) contains a toxic alkaloid called damascenine, but studies have not shown significant toxicity in humans. However, it is advised to avoid consuming its seeds. There is also a pink version of this flower—can't wait to get that!







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?"

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Meetings
- President's Award Contest
- Seasonal Events
- Greens Tea
- Sparkling Settings
- Conventions
- Registration Information



TFGC District II
Fall Membership Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2026
10:00 am

Cumberland Presbyterian Church
522 Castle Heights Avenue
Lebanon, TN 37087

Here's What's on the Agenda:

Informative Fall Meeting

Program—Hideko Shimizu *Ikebana Demonstration*

Hot Buffett Lunch from *Sammy B's*

Ways & Means Sales Table

Club Sales Fundraising Opportunities

Ten Fabulous Door Prizes!

Registration Deadline was October 23rd.

Date: September 30, 2026

To: District II National Garden Club Members
Official Call Letter

Re: Fall District II Membership Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2026, 10:00 am
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
522 Castle Heights Ave.
Lebanon, TN 37087

PROGRAM: Hideko Shimizu, Ph.D. will present an *Ikebana Demonstration*
Dr. Shimizu is the Senior Lecturer in Japanese, Asian Studies at Vanderbilt University

DIRECTIONS: From Nashville take I-40 East toward Knoxville. Take Exit 236 toward South Hartmann Drive. Go for 0.4 mi. Turn left onto S Hartmann Dr toward Airport.
Go for 1.2 mi. Turn right onto Leeville Pike.
Go for 1.4 mi. Turn left onto Castle Heights Ave.
The Cumberland Presbyterian Church is on the corner of Leeville Pike and Castle Heights Ave.
End at 522 Castle Heights Ave, Lebanon, Tennessee 37087-3865

LUNCH
BRUSCHETTA CHICKEN & PASTA
Grilled strips, balsamic tomatoes, extra virgin olive oil, fresh basil & cavatappi pasta
ENGLISH CUT ROASTED PORK LOIN
With baked cinnamon apples and mahogany marmalade
ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES
Red potatoes, turnips, and parsnips in sweet butter and vegetable stock
OVEN BAKED ROMA TOMATO & ZUCCHINI MELDEY
With Vidalia onion and fresh oregano
HERB CHEDDAR BISCUITS
With butter
TOASTED POUND CAKE PARFAIT
With pudding, strawberries, and pineapple finished with toasted coconut

Meeting and Lunch – $35.00
Meeting only – $15.00

NOTE: A limited number of tables for club sales are available at $25.00 each, first come, first served.

Contact Tove Rawlings by text only to 615-293-6536.

OFFICERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS: If you have a report to present, please let Becky know at 615-838-1359.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Friday, October 23, 2026. Please fill out the registration form below.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Conservation Camp (Oct. 12-14, 2026) and Annual Meeting (Oct. 13), Beersheba Springs, TN. Registration deadline extended until 12:00pm noon, Friday October 2, 2026. Contact Diane Ryder by phone or email to register: 423-505-5604 or dianeryder@epbfi.com
TFGC Convention (April 20-21, 2027), Knoxville, TN
Deep South Convention (March 14-16, 2027), Tuscaloosa, AL
NGC National Convention (May 13-17, 2027), Madison, WI

CITY FARMHOUSE

POPUP FAIR

FRANKLIN, TN



Friday, November 13

VIP Shopping 9am – 12pm | $25
General Admission 12pm – 4pm | $15

Saturday, November 14

9am – 4pm | $15

Bicentennial Park Pavilion
Franklin, TN
400 5th Ave., Corner of 3rd Ave. & N Margin St.

GET TICKETS & INFO

cityfarmhousefranklin.com

615-268-0216



Ivan Racheff House & Gardens

1943 Tennessee Ave.
Knoxville, TN 37921

Annual Greens Tea

December 4, 2026 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bake Sale ✦ Holiday Shop ✦ Silent Auction

Hors d'oeuvres and Refreshments served

Free and Open to the Public

Door Prizes

Save the Date

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2026

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE





PRESENTS

Sparkling Settings

BOTANIC HALL CHEEKWOOD



Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee

Winter Membership Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2027
10:00 am
Botanic Hall
Cheekwood Estate & Gardens

Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: "Plant Tennessee for Years of Greens"

Project: Plant the Flowers and Vegetables that have Endured Through the Last Century.

Share Your Favorites

An individual and/or a club may submit pictures of your flower or vegetable gardens showing and naming the plants used as part of the 2026 TFGC 100th year celebration.

There will be an award for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. All entries will receive a certificate of appreciation.

Please submit your information to Lelia Johnson with at least 2 pages showing and describing the plants. Submission Deadline is January 31, 2027.

Send to:
Lelia Johnson
3475 Brighton Blvd. NW
Cleveland, TN 37312
l.johnson924@yahoo.com

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



The 2027 Deep South Annual Convention Registration
March 14 - 16, 2027
Sweet Home Alabama

EMBASSY SUITES, 2410 University Blvd, TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 35401

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Garden Club _____ State _____ District _____

List any special dietary needs (medical only) _____

CHECK ALL CATEGORIES THAT APPLY TO YOU

____ Garden Club Member	____ Club President	____ Deep South Life Member	____ Deep South Board Member
____ Deep South Officer	____ NGC Officer	____ Flower Show Judge	____ Landscape Design Consultant
____ NGC Board Member	____ Delegate	____ Alternate	____ Environmental Consultant
____ NCG Life Member	____ Guest/Spouse	____ Garden Study Consultant	

REGISTRATION AND PRICING INFORMATION

OPTION 1 - COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE includes 3 day registration, 2 luncheons, 3 banquet dinners, entertainment and programs - **$360.00**

OPTION 2 - BUILD YOUR OWN PLAN PACKAGE

____ Daily Registration Fee (required for all events/tours/meals) - $30.00
____ Sunday, March 14 Early Arrival Program and Dinner -$55.00
____ Monday, March 15 *Petals from the Past* Luncheon - $55.00
____ Monday, March 15 Design Banquet with Benny Campbell - $65.00
____ Tuesday, March 16 Dragonflies and Damselflies Luncheon - $55.00
____ Tuesday, March 16 Formal Awards Banquet and Officer Installation - $65.00
____ Late Registration Fee (late after January 10, 2027) - $50.00

LOCAL TOURS requires advanced registration, no exceptions, non-refundable

____ Monday, March 15 Tour of the Historic Jemison-Van De Graaff Mansion and Tea Party - $15.00
____ Tuesday, March 16 Tour of the University of Alabama Football Stadium - $35.00
____ Tuesday, March 16 Tour of Twice as Nice Consignment Shop and Peanut Shop - $5.00

TOTALS ENCLOSED

_____ CONVENTION
_____ TOURS
_____ **TOTAL**

- REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 1/10/27.
- NO REFUNDS AFTER 1/10/27
- REGISTRATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE
- NO WALK-INS
- MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND ANY DSGC FUNCTION, PROGRAM, MEAL OR TOUR

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make checks to **DEEP SOUTH CONVENTION** and mail with form to Rachel Thomas, 4253 Hwy 107, Fayette, AL 35555.
E-mail: harleyt2006@yahoo.com, 205-270-2324. Convention confirmation will be emailed.
For USPS mail acknowledgement of registration, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Embassy Suites, 2410 University Blvd, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Booking Link https://group.embassysuites.com/61plqm Rate $149.00 per night 2 queen or king, or call 205-561-2500 and let reservations desk know room reservation for the Garden Club of Alabama/Deep South Convention Code 927. Hotel has free parking, free made to serve breakfast with omelets, complimentary evening reception with 2 free drinks per room, newly remodeled and located in downtown area, indoor pool, and business center.

EVENT SUMMARY

- Sunday evening begins with a reception honoring our Deep South Director, Denise Thorne, at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner and a fascinating presentation by University of Alabama Professor Ian Crawford on Birds in the Decorative Arts.
- Monday's luncheon will feature *Petals from the Past* nursery, with the owner sharing information about his unique antique roses and other hard-to-find Southern plants. Guests will also have the opportunity to purchase plants after lunch.
- Monday evening begins with a reception at 6:00 p.m. honoring Denise Thorne and all six state presidents. Attendees will have the opportunity to greet before dinner, followed by a floral design program by Benny Campbell.
- Tuesday's luncheon will feature University of Alabama professors who will introduce us to the fascinating world of dragonflies, damselflies, and other exotic insects.
- Tuesday evening, wear your Roaring 20's or Jazz Age attire for the formal reception and enjoy an evening of fun and lively music provided by Ken Bausano.
- Unique tours options are provided for Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

The full agenda will be posted online. See you soon! Karen Merrill, 2027 Convention Chairman
For questions please contact Cindy Boone, Convention Co-Chairman, cindysboone@gmail.com, 703.328.8833



2027 Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc Convention Program Ad Form

Garden Club of Alabama is hosting the Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. Regional Convention in 2027 at the Embassy Suites in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on March 14 - 16.

Clubs, family members, and local businesses are encouraged to purchases ads for the convention program book. This is the perfect opportunity to honor club members and presidents, celebrate club anniversaries or promote community support.

PROGRAM AD OPTIONS

- Full Page $100
- Half Page $50
- One Quarter Page $25

AD DETAILS

- All ads will be in color
- May contain photos
- Please submit JPEG format

AD SUBMISSIONS

Emailadandcompeted form to Stephanie Butler sfbdgc2013@gmail.com.
Phone: 205-442-3195

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make checkspayable toDeep South Convention 2027 and send to :
GCA Treasurer Karen Matthews, 152 Harkins Lake Road, Fayette, AL 35555
Phone: 205-270-6624, Email: karentmatthews@yahoo.com

Name_____

Garden Club_____State_____District_____

Name of Business _____

Ad Size (please circle)

Full Page Half Page One Quarter Page

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

Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee

Spring Membership Meeting & Coffee

Monday, April 26, 2027
10:00 am
Botanic Hall
Cheekwood Estate & Gardens



National Garden Clubs, Inc.

2027 Convention

May 13 – 17, 2027

Madison, Wisconsin



The Rachel Jackson Garden Club presents



An NGC Petite Small-Standard Flower Show

Thursday, October 21, 2027

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 Community FLOWER SHOW



Coming in Late Fall 2027

Details to Follow





Note from the Editor



If you've made it this far,

Thank You

for reading the November 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. 😊

Anna Marie Allen
annabanana7@comcast.net