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### ***TFGC District IV***

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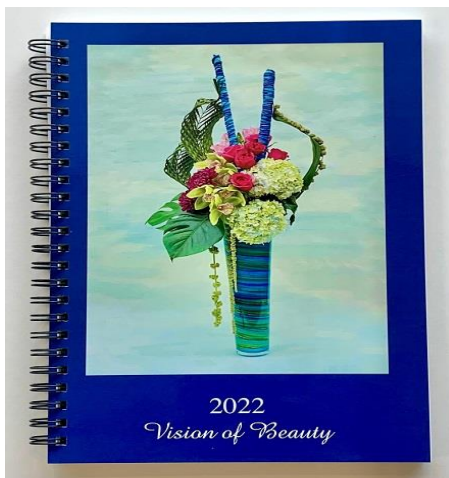
Greetings District IV,

I hope by now, all of you have had the opportunity to meet in person with your clubs. I have received everyone's member lists and dues, and all have been submitted to the state treasurer. We currently have twenty-four garden clubs in District IV. We also have Garden Guild for the Flower Show Judges and Knox County Council of Garden Clubs which is comprised of club presidents from Knoxville and surrounding areas. June 6 through 12 was National Garden Club Week. I heard from several clubs regarding their activities but would like to hear from all clubs. Please let me know what activities your club participated in during GC Week. District IV recently dedicated their first Gold Star Marker in Gatlinburg. Pictures and the link for the video are included in this newsletter.

I hope everyone has a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and I hope to see you soon. Remember to invite me to a meeting.

In federation love,  
Wanda Taylor

*Deadline to order the 2022 Vision of Beauty Calendar is  
July 15 – \$6.50 contact Rebecca Shular*



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**DISTRICT IV COMMITTEE CHAIRS — THERE ARE A FEW BLANK SPOTS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A POSITION, PLEASE CONTACT WANDA TAYLOR.**

1. Advisory Board: **Connie Barker - Chair**,  
*Connie Wallace, Lisa Phipps, Carole Whited, Cathy Donaldson*
2. Awards: **Kim Overman**
3. Blue Star: **Connie Barker**
4. Communications/social media – **Jeanie Jackson**
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6. DIV Unified Project:
7. Design Moment Chair -**Cathy Waitinas**
8. Endowment Representative, DIV: **Janie Bitner**
9. Flower Show: **Rebecca Shular**
10. Flower Show Schools: **Connie Wallace**
11. Historian:
12. Horticulture Moment:
13. Hospitality: **Linda Ford**/Fox Den Country Club
14. Life Membership: **Connie Barker**
15. Membership: **Linda Daniels**
16. Native Plants: **Cathy Donaldson**
17. Penny Pines: **Kathleen Boryla Payne**
18. Photographer:
19. Programs: **Connie Wallace, Janie Bitner**
20. Protocol: **Connie Wallace, Carole Whited**
21. Racheff Liaison: **Martha Frink**
22. Registrar: **Amelia Daniels**
23. Vision of Beauty: **Rebecca Shular**
24. Ways and Means: **LaQuita Misner and Janet Underwood**
25. Woodsy Owl/Smoky Bear :



April 24, 2021 Executive Board Installation at Ossoli Circle Clubhouse. L to R: Cindy Hintz, Wanda Taylor, Jeanie Jackson, Winifred Silvers, Janie Bitner, Kathleen Boryla-Payne, Amelia Daniels and Janet Oaks.

**NATIONAL GARDEN  
WEEK June 6-12, 2021,  
Sponsored by National  
Garden Clubs, Inc.**

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Fairview Elementary School in Maryville -Project  
of Mountain Laurel Garden Club



**Mountain Laurel Garden Club** activities for National Garden Club Week included 2 days cleaning and maintaining the 5 planted areas at Fairview Elementary School. This our major project as a club and it had not been cleaned in over a year due to Covid restrictions. Members also helped a Friends Day program that involved helping 30 students in the summer care program planting flowers and vegetables.

Brenda Gregory, President



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**Tuckaleechee Garden Club** maintains the Townsend River Walk Arboretum in Townsend. For Garden Club Week over 80 feet of vegetation was cleared, four holes dug, trees planted and mulched. Four varieties of Redbud were added and two more will be added this fall..



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**Crestwood Hills Ladybugs** did various projects for NGC Week including working with the KCCGC beautification project – planting sunflower seeds at Marble Springs, working at the entrance to Crestwood Hills and at the Crestwood Pool.

**Smoky Mountains Garden Club** members met at the University of Tennessee State Botanical Gardens for a tour, lunch, and a work session in the Hosta Garden. Over four large bags of weeds and sticks were collected.



*Theme: Let East Tennessee Shine with New Growth*

*Projects: Grow in Membership and Support our Historic State Headquarters Ivan Racheff House and Gardens*

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To celebrate National Garden Week the **Sevierville GC & Flower Lovers GC** visited the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs' State Headquarters to enjoy the garden and tour the house for our June 9th meeting. The Ivan Racheff House & Gardens has a long and rich history beginning with the building of the steel mill, still located next door, and the man that built the company, Ivan Racheff. A guided tour was given by garden co-chairs Janie Bitner and Wanda Taylor. Following lunch, the club members headed to Stanley's Greenhouse in South Knoxville.



*Congratulations to  
 Knoxville Town and  
 Country Garden Club  
 on their 70<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary!*

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Gold Star Dedication video link - <https://youtu.be/A71ASYIFFIA>




**GOLD STAR  
FAMILIES  
MEMORIAL MARKER  
DEDICATION  
JUNE 29, 2021  
10:00 A.M.**

Tuckaleechee Garden Club planned and presented the dedication. Club President, Janie Bitner received a proclamation from the Veteran's Affairs Office.



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## Left to Right:

District IV Director 2020 and District IV Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Marker Chair **Connie Barker**, TFGC

**Pamela Dowd** 2015-2017 TFGC President and TN State Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Marker Chair

**Candace Wells**, NGC Blue Star and Gold Star Families Chair

**Wanda Taylor**, DIV Director, 2021-2023

**Janie Bitner**, President, Tuckaleechee Garden Club and DIV Corresponding Secretary

**Maggie Burns**, TFGC 2019-2021 President, not pictured

## District IV Calendar

July 23, Card/Game Party at Ivan Racheff House and Gardens, 10:00 – 2:00, Lunch and games, \$25.00

August 23-24, NGC Symposium – Grace Lutheran Church, Oak Ridge

October 29, DIV Fall Membership Meeting, Fox Den Country Club

September 9, Dixie Highway GC flower show planned to be staged at the home of Dr. and Mrs. George Shiflett,

December 10, Ivan Racheff House and Garden's Greens Tea

March 25, 2022 DIV Spring Membership Meeting, Fox Den Country Club

**Deadline to Register for the Racheff Card Party July 9**, Janie Bitner, [janie.bitner@live.com](mailto:janie.bitner@live.com)

**Deadline for the NGC Symposium July 23**, Registrar: Rebecca Shular, Ph (865)323-7412, [rhshular@gmail.com](mailto:rhshular@gmail.com)

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**REGISTRATION FORM Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs Reunion****MONTGOMERY BELL STATE PARK OCTOBER 25-26, 2021 Please Print**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Last First

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City Zip

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ Garden

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ COST: \$ 99.00 -

Includes 2 dinners, 1 lunch &amp; coffee break (breakfast on your own) - Two ways to pay &amp; register:

1. Print registration form & send with check made out to TCFG to: Susan Quinn, TFGC Treasurer  
97 Chickasaw Pkwy W Memphis TN 38111

2. Or fill in registration form online & pay with a credit card, PayPal or Venmo Room reservations can be made directly through Montgomery Bell State Park at: - 615-797-3101 - \$143.44/night (tax included) for 2-person room (2 dbl beds) –

Use GROUP CODE 1680 - First-come first-served **Registration deadline: September**

**28 NOTE: limit of 100 attendees****THE AGEING GARDEN AND THE AGED GARDENER**

**Asbury Garden Club** pulled way back to begin this program year. Time for low maintenance designing was overdue. The garden shed's roof was leaking. Several faucets were leaking too. Covid necessities had raided the campus' maintenance budget. Even guests were not allowed in to bring interesting ideas. A bleak start.

We looked to ourselves as resources. We studied rose pruning, then did the work. A member delved into amaryllis and gave us a short course on how to treat them right until cold weather returns. Now we will venture into fund raising to get that shed restored. We are taking to the kitchen to bake pies. We will sell them at a husband appreciation event during National Garden Week. So, the skill sets seem to be growing apace with our age.

Oh, yes. The low maintenance theme is playing out in two partially restored gardens. Newly transplanted perennials are getting a fresh start. Friends and neighbors have gifted the spaces. Now June will give us a much-needed celebration and an opportunity to thank the men who have stepped in so many times.

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