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Greetings District IV,

This month has flown by. The week of December 6 was devoted to the preparations of the Ivan Racheff House and Gardens annual Greens Tea. The design team worked in the basement of Racheff making fabulous designs. The wreath team gathered at the home of Julia Shiflett to design beautiful fresh greenery wreaths. A huge thank you to everyone who played a part in creating items for the sale and for providing greenery. Another team worked on setting up the house for the event and food preparation. Thanks to Racheff gardener Pam Inglebarger for tidying up the grounds in anticipation of many visitors. December 10 was a busy day, but a highly successful day. Visitors from Chattanooga, Spring Hill, and Greenville attended. Thanks to all who came to support our state headquarters.

On December 15, Vice Director Janie Bitner and I traveled to Chattanooga to Signal Mountain for the 100th anniversary tea of the Signal Mountain Garden Club. On display were programs, pictures, and scrapbooks from the previous decade.

Many clubs are ending 2021 with Christmas gatherings. I hope everyone has a safe, joyous holiday season. Remember to submit your President's report by January 15.

Good tidings to you wherever you are,
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

District IV Director Wanda Taylor

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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DISTRICT IV NEWS*Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Annual
Greens Tea - December 10, 2021*

It was exciting to attend the Annual Greens Tea at our state headquarters, Ivan Racheff House, and Gardens. If you were unable to attend, we missed you and hope you will put it on your calendar for December 9, 2023. This is a picture prior to the event with floral designs and wreaths.



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Racheff design elves, L to R: DIV Director Wanda Taylor with Jan Brown, Ellen Yatteau, Sharon Davis, Rebecca Shular, Cathy Waitinas, and Vice Director Janie Bitner. These ladies worked Monday through Thursday to make designs for the sale.



The wreath elves at the home of Julia Shiflett.



Julia Shiflett, Judy James, Janie Bitner, and LaQuita Misner busy making wreaths.

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President Elect from District II Denise Thorne, District III Director Diane Ryder, District IV Director Wanda Taylor, and District II Director Bobbie Wolcott at the Greens Tea.



2021-23 Tennessee Garden Clubs
 President-Elect Denise Thorne, 2015-17
 President Pam Dowd, 2019-21 President
 Maggi Burns, and 2017-19 President
 Cindy Hintz at the Greens Tea.



The Scarlett Tree designed by Julia Shiflett on display at Racheff.



2021-23 President-Elect Denise Thorne and Linda Ford.



District IV Director Wanda Taylor with 2020-21 DIV Director Connie Barker, 2009-11 DIV Director Carole Whited and 2017-20 DIV Director Connie Wallace at The Greens Tea.



2017-20 District IV Director Connie Wallace with Mountain Laurel Garden Club President Brenda Gregory.



IRH&G Chair Hal Watts with 2017-19 State President Maggi Burns.



Kitchen elf Jan Brown at the tea table.



District III Director Diane Ryder serving at the Greens Tea.



Cheers to Julia for another successful Greens Tea!



Arrangement by Cathy Waitinas for our DJ Brian Aylward.



The Bake Sale elves Janie Bitner and Lorna Matheny. Thanks to everyone who donated food items for the bake sale.



The Tea table was trimmed with fabulous treats. Serving punch is 2017-20 District IV Director Connie Wallace.



Racheff Treasurer Rebecca Shular and Assistant Treasurer Theresa Schehr at the sales checkout table.

The **Dixie Highway Garden Club** held its December meeting at Stanley's Greenhouse. It was a special gathering with a program by Abby Stanley giving hints and suggestions for our holiday decorations for Christmas and beyond.

The business meeting was brief so we could enjoy the social gathering. One important moment was voting on new club member Beth Colman, who was present to receive her club yearbook and officially become a member. Dixie Highway GC now has 26 active club members.

L to R, front row: Becky Durrance, President LaQuita Misner, Linda Ford, Connie Wallace, Laura McElroy, Catherine Bell. Second Row: Ann Fritts, Ruth Ann Fowler, Elaine Clarke, Amy Hinton, Guest, Kathy Lasater. Back Row: Judy James, Myra Leichtweis, Linda Pickle, Beth Colwell, Janet Underwood, Virginia Price, Kay Stokely, and Donna Brown.



Dixie Highway Garden Club members attending the IRH & G Annual Greens Tea.



Dixie Highway President LaQuita Misner with Janet Underwood, Julia Shiflett, and Virginia Price.

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Abby Stanley displaying one of many varieties of Poinsettias.



Ready to take home.



President LaQuita Misner with new member Beth Colman.



Mountain Laurel Garden Club members attended the Greens Tea: Carol Morton, President Brenda Gregory, and Valerie Hendrix. An assortment of delicious refreshments was served, and beautiful arrangements and baked goods were purchased, getting these members in the holiday mood.



The November speaker for Mountain Laurel was Dr. Sue Hamilton. Her topic was Viburnums in your garden.

On Sunday, December 5, the **Tuckaleechee Garden Club** participated in the Townsend Christmas parade. L to R, back row: Cathy Shovelton, Charlotte Miller, Martha Frink, Sandy Andrews, Wanda Taylor, Allison Pearson, and President Janie Bitner. In front: Francesca Messenger and Theresa Schehr.



<https://www.townsendriverwalk.com/>



Sandy Andrews and Janie Bitner



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The **Tuckaleechee Garden Club's** annual Christmas gathering was held at Olive Garden in Alcoa.



The party ended with a gift exchange.



L to R: Linda Braun, Fran Brown, and Jan Brown.

L to R: Linda Braun, Fran Brown, and Carol Linger.

The **Chapman Highway Garden Club** enjoyed a tour of Beardsley Farm in September. In October, we visited Stanley’s Greenhouse and enjoyed a presentation made by our fellow club member Lisa Stanley and her daughter Abby. They presented a program, “Plants of Interest in a Fall Container.” In November, Cindy Huff from Southern Oak Lavender Farm presented a program on how to start and work a lavender farm.

Our club has collected items for gifts for Mobile Meal clients for the past few years. This year we had 19 gift bags delivered to Mobile Meals clients from our club members.

Also, for the past three years, our club has volunteered to decorate the John Sevier home and the Tavern with all natural items and a few bows for color. This year we decorated the Tavern on the inside and outside and the John Sevier home on the outside in preparation for a Candlelight Tour taking place in December. Four of our members spent a couple of hours putting it all together.



Jan Brown and Fran Brown

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Smoky Mountain Garden Club's December meeting was held at the home of Glenda Edmondson. It was a potluck luncheon; however, she prepared a Christmas dinner to share with members. At the table, we shared Christmas memories. Next, members participated in making birdseed feeders with peanut butter and pinecones. It was a fun time in a relaxed setting. L to R: Pat Landry, Barb Folks, Elaine Kant, Kerry Roberson, Glenda Edmondson, Wanda Taylor, and Kay Turner. President Glenda Edmondson displayed the finished product.



SMGC President Glenda Edmondson and Wanda Taylor at the IRH&G Greens Tea.

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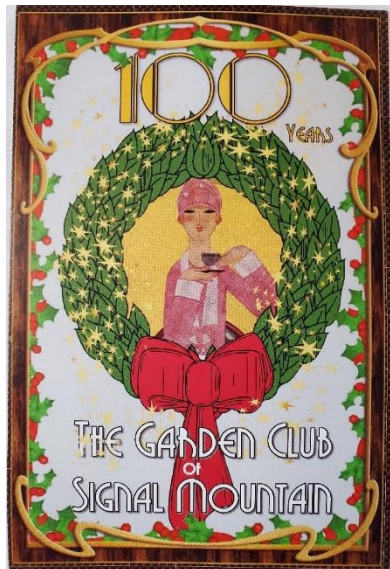
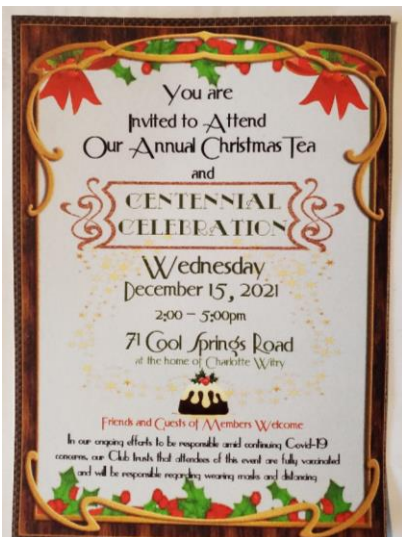
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The **West Ten O’Clock Gardeners** celebrated the season with a lovely tea which was attended by five still continually active nonagenarians! They also celebrated sending over a thousand Christmas cards to the federal prison in Wartburg, where the chaplain expects each prisoner to remember their families at this holiday with a card. The West Hills Beautification Council continued a long tradition of the club to award a plaque to the winners of this year’s Holiday Mailbox decoration.

Submitted by Illy Wood



Each year one of the highlights of the Green’s Tea is the beauty of the queen of the winter flowers, *Camellia sasanqua* greeting the guests in all its splendor.



District IV Director Wanda Taylor with 2021-23 President Elect Denise Thorne, District II Director Diane Ryder, and District IV Vice Director Janie Bitner at the 100th anniversary of the Signal Mountain Garden Club in Chattanooga.



Tuckaleechee Garden Club at the Greens Tea: Martha Frink, Lorna Matheny, President Janie Bitner, Wanda Taylor, Theresa Schehr and Charlotte Miller.



Sevierville Garden Club

members at the Greens Tea: Dixie Seaton, Nancy Vervynckt, DIV Director Wanda Taylor, Teresa Barnett, Karen Braud, Ellen Yatteau, and President Sandy Smith.

