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Parliamentarian—Charlotte Miller

Greetings District IV,

Our first District IV meeting of this administration was held Friday, October 29, at Fox Den Country Club. It was a lovely setting and garden club members throughout the district were welcomed. It was great to see so many new faces and friends from other clubs.

The day was full of activities. Everyone was thrilled to hear Bobby Fulcher give an update on the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail and the new Mack Prichard Visitor Center. Bobby even serenaded us with his banjo.

Many thanks to all the clubs that donated silent auction items. The auction was very successful and many dollars were raised. Half will be sent for the state Ways and Means project. We are planning another silent auction for the Spring Membership meeting on March 25, 2022. Please save any special items for the auction. Contact Janet Underwood for item donations.

The state members meeting was held via Zoom on December 1. Two items were voted on – changing the state name to Tennessee Garden Clubs from TFGC and printing or not printing *The Volunteer Gardener*.

I hope each of you had the opportunity to be with family and friends during this season of being Thankful. Check on your members and let them know you are thankful for them.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Wanda

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

Fall Membership Meeting October 29, 2021



Assistant Treasurer Amelia Daniels at the sign-in table.



Chaplain Janet Oakes and Parliamentarian Charlotte Miller during the break.



Park Manager Bobby Fulcher, Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail, Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park

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Ways and Means Co-chair Laquita Misner with Judy James from Dixie Highway



Recording Secretary Winifred Silvers, Corresponding Secretary Connie Barker, and Treasurer Kathleen Boryla-Payne



TGC Life Memberships were presented to former Tuckaleechee President Theresa Schehr and current Mountain Laurel President Brenda Gregory.



Design Moment presented by Cathy Waitinas NGC; Sara Bowers with Winifred Silvers, Life Accredited Flower Show Judge and Design Instructor, displaying items from Racheff.

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District IV Director Wanda Taylor with Vice Director Janie Bitner.



Bobby serenaded us with his banjo.



Town & Country President Rachel Addicts gives her President's Report to members.



Cathy Waitinas and Ellen Yatteau prepare designs.



The Knox County Council of Garden Clubs Celebrates 75 years.

The Knox County Council of Garden Clubs was organized in 1946. For 75 years we have served our communities and grown lots of LOVE!

In 1946 the KCCGC was organized under the capable leadership of Mrs. Alice Ijams who served as first President. The purpose of the council was - To bring together the garden clubs of the City of Knoxville and Knox County as a Council where knowledge, ideas, projects and activities would work together for the betterment of the community. And the purpose continues today.

Please join us for this celebration!

November 4 at
Racheff House and Gardens
1943 Tennessee Avenue, Knoxville TN

1946-2021

Join us for a celebratory lunch.

**Thursday November 4
10:00 a.m.**

After a brief business meeting, we will celebrate past Presidents and history of the Council.

Pot-luck lunch to follow.



Rebecca Shular, KCCGC Vice President

On November 4, members of the Knox County Council of Garden Clubs gathered at the Ivan Racheff House and Gardens to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the council. A lovely front table centerpiece to commemorate the anniversary was designed by Rebecca Shular, Council Vice president.

Although the Council was actually founded in 1933, it was inactive from 1936 to 1945. Mrs. Henry Ijams assembled the leaders and reorganized the council, which started again in 1946.

A program was held to celebrate this anniversary event. Jan Brown, Council president, welcomed everyone and current Council officers were recognized. Rebecca Shular, vice president, recognized current committee chairs. Carole Whited, after researching records found at the Racheff house, acted as Mrs. Ijams and presented an informative history of the council from 1946 to the present day.

She also spoke about Mr. Ivan Racheff and his gift of the house and gardens to Tennessee Garden Clubs. Past presidents of the Council were recognized by Janie Bitner, vice director of District IV. Past presidents were also presented with an orange rose. Those recognized were Betty Conley (1982–83), Wilma Wilson (1992–93), June Zachary (1993–95 & 1999–01), Janet Oaks (2005–07), Linda Wimbrow (2013–2015), and Connie Barker (2015–2019).

Following the program, a potluck lunch and fellowship time was enjoyed by all. *Submitted by Jan Brown*



Carole Whited as Mrs. Ijams

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District IV Vice Director Janie Bitner with KCCGC's current President Dr. Jan Brown



District IV Vice Director Janie Bitner with KCCGC's 2015-19 President and District IV Director 2020-21 Connie Barker



KCCGC's 2013-15 President Linda Wimbrew and District IV Vice Director Janie Bitner.





KCCGC's 2005–07 President Janet Oakes with District IV Vice Director Janie Bitner.



KCCGC's 1993–95 and 1999–01 President June Zachary with District IV Vice Director Janie Bitner.



Winifred Silvers accepting the rose for Betty Conley, KCCGC's 1982–83 President & District IV VD Janie Bitner.

Tuckaleechee Garden Club maintains the:



<https://www.townsendriverwalk.com>



Tuckaleechee Garden Club members at Fox Den, left to right: Mary Lynne Morgan, Brenda Gregory, Linda Lee, Janie Bitner, Theresa Schehr, Charlotte Miller, Jolene Martin, and Lorna Matheny.

Smoky Mountains Garden Club's November meeting was held at the home of Frances Hoffman. Members gathered to watch floral designer Jo Clements make fall arrangements. Then, members decorated pinecones using ribbon, glitter glue, and greenery. Refreshments and social time followed.



Jo Clements



L to R: Wanda Taylor, Kerry Robinson, Pat Landry, Frances Hoffman, President Glenda Edmondson, Kay Turner, and Designer Jo Clements.



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Mountain Laurel Garden Club in Blount County met on Monday, November 15. Members were delighted to hear Dr. Sue Hamilton, recently retired Professor of Horticulture and UT Gardens Director. Dr. Sue gave a presentation on Viburnums, near perfect shrubs, an often overlooked and underused shrub/small tree.

She talked about the three major types: evergreen, semi-evergreen, and deciduous and the most popular varieties. Their showy, often fragrant, spring flowers attract butterflies, and their spectacular berries and beautiful autumn foliage make them a near perfect shrub. She likened them to dogwoods and hydrangeas, being much more forgiving and requiring very little care. They are quite adaptable to a variety of soil, moisture, and light conditions.

Their berries help feed the birds. Most flower best in full sun. Very little pruning is ever needed. Fertilize in February or March. Dr. Sue recommended a book entitled *Viburnums* by Michael Dirr and Proven Winner selections at family nurseries like Stanley's and Willow Ridge.

November through February is the perfect time to plant for the roots to get established before the summer heat sets in. Her presentation showed the pictures of the favorite varieties and the best flowering ones.

After the program, refreshments were served, and a short business meeting was held. A good social time was had by all.

Tuckaleechee Garden Club's November meeting started with a seed swap and ended with a Thanksgiving meal including the turkey and all the trimmings. Afterwards, several members went to the Heritage Center in Townsend to decorate the Cardwell Cabin for Christmas.



Ruth Wall, Sandy Andrews, and Martha Frink decorating the hearth.

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Tuckaleechee Garden Club members Scott Schehr, Jolene Martin, Theresa Schehr, Ruth Wall, and President Janie Bitner in front of the Cardwell Cabin.



*Ivan Racheff House
and Gardens Annual
Greens Tea*

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*The Racheff Board of Governors invite you to
the 2021 Greens Tea at Racheff House and Gardens*

1943 Tennessee Avenue, Knoxville, TN

Friday, December 10

noon to 3 p.m.

*Wreaths, bake sale and holiday
arrangements of fresh evergreens
along with our traditional tea!*

*A Racheff tradition, dear to our heart, come celebrate
Greens Tea & Support your State Headquarters*



District IV Director Wanda Taylor, Sevierville GC member Teresa Barnett, TGC President-Elect Denise Thorne and Sevierville GC member Ellen Yatteau.

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Sevierville Garden Club members at the Fox Den Country Club Fall DIV Membership meeting.



Karen Miller—Sevierville Garden Club board member as well as Community Service chair. She also works for Keep Sevier Beautiful as education director.



Happy Thanksgiving y'all!