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Greetings District IV Gardeners,

This month has been packed full of flower shows, plant sales and celebrations.

A huge thank you to Theresa Schehr for organizing the Ivan Racheff House and Garden plant sale. Members donated plants from their gardens. There were vendors, a bake sale and even a food truck!

Flower Lovers Garden Club celebrated their 100th anniversary and member Opal Hurst. Congratulations!!

It is time for submitting your entry into the district flower show "We the People....who Shape America." Contact Rebecca Shular for questions. Send your Design entries to Connie Wallace, your Horticulture entries to Natalie Olsen, and Botanical Arts entries to Judy James.

Remember club's dues will be delinquent after June 1st. Please use the online platform at TNGardenclubs.org. Dues can be paid through PayPal or send your check to me or state treasurer Susan Quinn.

June 5 to 11 is National Garden Club week. Remember to take pictures and submit to Debbie Shaver for awards,

Mark your calendars for July 15th for the annual IRH&G Summer Splash Card Party "South of the Border". Lunch is included with the \$35.00 ticket. Contact Janie Bitner to register.

Happy Gardening, 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 – April Showers Bring May Flowers

District IV Presidents and Treasurers meeting May 6, 2022, at our state headquarters, Ivan Racheff House and Gardens. Lots of current information was distributed.



Did we say Celebrations?? **Knoxville, Town and Country Garden Club** presented the “Appalachian Spring Flower Show at the home of Mrs. Matt Hanggi on May 12th.



DIV Director Wanda Taylor with DII Director and Flower Show Judge Bobbie Wolcott.

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Town and Country Garden Clubs



Jill Hanggi with President Catherine Atchley



Stephanie Daniel, Alyson Gallaher, President Elect Megan Emery, Jill Hanggi and President Catherine Atchley



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Horticulture displays and Educational Exhibits for Friends of the Smokies and Child Help.



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Flower Show Judges: Seated left to right Bobbie Wolcott (DII), Cathy Waitinas, Paula Fortson, Ellen Yatteau, Cindy Hintz and Marilyn Johnson. Standing behind: Vickie Richards, Sharon Davis, DIV Director Wanda Taylor and Connie Wallace.



**Flower Lovers
Garden Club**
celebrated the club's
100th Anniversary at
the John T. O'Connor
Senior Center on
May 13th. The club
was founded in
1922.

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Members attending the celebration, left to right: Mary Headrick, Patty Tinsley, Paula Bourassa, Ellen Hitchcock, Sandra Korbelik, Royce Pratt, Opal Hurst, Rebecca Shular, President Sharon Davis, Janae Brewer and Olivia Bruce.

Members unable to attend, Alice Allen, Wayne and Sylvia McLaren



President Sharon Davis and DIV Director Wanda Taylor presented member Opal Hurst with a certificate for faithfulness and dedication to the club.

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Carole Whited portrayed Mrs. Ijams, President Sharon Davis with DIV Vice Director Janie Bitner and Dr. Jan Brown. President of Knox County Council of Garden Clubs presenting a certificate to Flower Lovers Garden Club. (Notice the vintage TFGC sign)

Dixie Highway Garden Club

met Thursday, May 12, at the home of Julia Shiflett. Members were so pleased to welcome new member Victoria Deckard. The club is growing in numbers with two more ladies soon to be considered for membership. The program speaker was Kathy Mihalezo, owner of Erin’s Meadow Herb Farm in Oak Ridge, TN. Kathy presented an excellent program identifying her favorite and most successful herbs grown on her farm. Members purchased their favorites from her beautiful selection to plant in their yards. For many years, the club’s order for Vision of Beauty Calendars was for 10 calendars. This is



Virginia Price - Blooming Magnolia Horticulture Display

commitment to those qualified students selected to receive much needed financial support for their college education. Club Treasurer, Laura McElroy will order 28 calendars this year! Members enjoyed a beautiful luncheon and toured Julia’s gardens which were lovely with lots of colorful blooming perennial, annuals, and shrubs.

Written by Linda Ford

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The Grand Buffet by Rothchilds Catering



Seated- Julia Shiflett, Janet Underwood, standing are Yvonne Coulson and Judy James



Speaker/Program - Kathy Mihalezo, Erin's Meadow Herm Farm



Glenda Mabry displays an assortment of blooming horticulture treasures from her garden.



Linda Ford and Ruth Ann Fowler

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Ivan Racheff House and Gardens has a new fundraising committee – **The Arboretum at Racheff Events Committee**. The plan is to promote the gardens and arboretum as a venue for weddings, receptions, photo shoots and for educational purposes. If you have an event coming up and need to request a date, contact the events chair Sharon Davis at ss.davis@comcast.net or at 865-640-5700. Recently Theresa Schehr, Ellen Yatteau and Sharon Davis attended an event at the GFWC Ossoli Circle Clubhouse to promote events. On April 22nd, a photographer's reception was hosted at the gardens. The committee prepared light refreshments and music for their enjoyment.

Theresa at Ossoli Circle



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The Wildflower Trail at Racheff

Events Committee: Janie Bitner, Joan Helton, Sharon Davis, Ellen Yatteau, Kathy Treffert, Carole Whited, Wanda Taylor and Linda Daniels.



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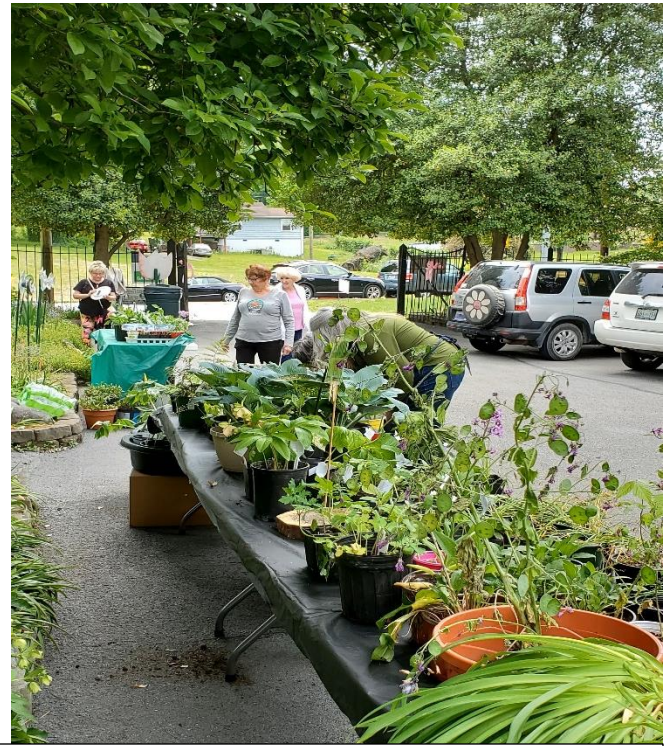


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The Ivan Racheff House and Gardens plant sale on April 30th was organized by IRH&G Board member Theresa Schehr. Members brought plants from their gardens. Vendors were available as well as a bake sale and food truck.



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Smoky Mountain Garden Club's April 28th meeting was at Erin's Meadow Herb Farm in Oak Ridge. Kathy Mihalezo, owner, gave a presentation on everything you needed to know about lavender. Members had lunch and shopped for their favorite herbs and plants. Before leaving, members of Sevierville Garden Club showed up to shop also.

SMGC members left to right: Frances Hoffman, President Glenda Edmondson, Kerry Robertson, Wanda Taylor, Kay Turner, Charlotte Miller (Tuckaleechee GC), Pat Landry and Kathy Mihalezo. Sevierville below, Karen Miller, Ann Lockett, President Melanie Hill, and Sandy Smith.



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District IV was represented at the National Garden Clubs Convention in Orlando, Florida. Cathy Waitinas with NGC President Mary Warshauer.



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Cathy Waitinas with TFGC State President Julie Wilson



TFGC State President with NGC President Mary Warshaur

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Article on **Flower Lovers Garden Club**

Betsy Pickle, May 17, 2022 **Downtown, East Knox, Our Town Neighbors, South Knox** –

<https://www.knoxtntoday.com/whats-happening-south-east-downtown/>

Friday the 13th was a lucky day for the **Flower Lovers Garden Club** and member **Opal Hurst**. The club celebrated its 100th anniversary at the John T. O'Connor Senior Center, and Hurst, 93, was presented with the 2022 Certificate of Lifetime Achievement for her faithfulness and inspiration to others. Knox County Council of Garden Clubs president **Jan Brown** bestowed FLGC president **Sharon Davis** with a congratulatory certificate recognizing the club's long history. **Sandra Korbelik** gave a quick lecture on poisonous plants and how to alleviate their effects, and Alice Ijams (portrayed by **Carole Whited**) told of garden-club life back in her day. **Amber Parker**, executive director of Ijams Nature Center, dropped by with well wishes and an invitation to visit. And club members and guests enjoyed a delicious light lunch with a beautiful anniversary cake made by Village Bakery.



Tuckaleechee Garden Club's May meeting was held at Tuckaleechee United Methodist Church in Townsend. The club welcomed three new members. Will Kuhn and Jaimie Matzko presented on Discover Life in America. Members were asked to sign up to the iNaturalist app and record their findings of flora, fauna, insects, amphibians and mammals they discover. The idea is to identify new species in and around the Smokies. Following the business meeting and program. Members enjoyed a potluck luncheon.

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