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Greetings District IV Gardeners,

Summer is upon us! Enjoy your beautiful gardens.

A reminder that the District IV, NGC District Standard Flower Show "We the People...who Shape America," will be at the John T. O'Conner Senior Center on July 27th from 2 – 4 p.m. and July 28th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The last day to register for a design is July 10th and the last day for horticulture entries is July 23rd. This is a District flower show, held every two years and all clubs should participate. Please contact Rebecca Shular, General Chairperson, with any questions, 865-323-7412, rhshular@gmail.com.

Also, the deadline to submit orders for the Vision of Beauty Calendars is July 15th. Contact Rebecca (above) for orders. The price has increased to \$10.00.

I hope everyone participated in National Garden Club week, June 5 to 11. Send me your pictures for next month's newsletter.

All dues have been submitted to the state. Thank you for your prompt attention to "check this one off."

Mark your calendars for the Fall District Membership Meeting at Fox Den on October 28th.

Information for the TN Valley Fair, Sept 9-18 for three NGC Flower Shows is online and entries will be accepted starting July 1st. Happy Gardening, Wanda Taylor, DIV Director

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 – June Highlights

Mountain Laurel Garden Club's May meeting with children at Fairview Elementary School in Maryville.



Raised beds ready for planting.

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May was a very busy month for members of **Mountain Laurel Garden Club**. After having a remarkably successful plant sale on the last day of April, members immediately began planning May activities. Due to school testing, the Earth Day Celebration the club held at Fairview was delayed until May 8. Students from kindergarten participated in 9 activities with fifth grade helping club members. Activities included: planting a sunflower in a recycled milk carton, making a necklace from recyclables, painting stakes for vegetable garden, sidewalk chalk drawing, bubbles, recycling, composting, reading nature books, playing nature bingo and dinoscape play. Members had as much fun as the students.

Several days in May were also spent at Fairview , getting garden areas ready for summer school planting. Beds were weeded and troughs and garbage cans were purchased for additional gardens. Members will be planting with students on June 9th . This is becoming an annual event. Tomato, cucumber, squash, herbs and other plants have been purchased for students to plant. Along with various seeds.

May also found club members busy planning the club's small standard flower show for June. Nancy Robinson, Paula Fortson and Marilyn Johnson have been helping members by going over the rules of horticulture and design. This has been especially helpful for our new members that have not participated in a flower show before.

June is looking to be just as busy for members.

Submitted by Sandy Vandenburg

Trough garden below . On right the Secret Garden was cleaned up for summer.



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Mountain Laurel Members Anna Shugart, Angie Caldwell, Kim Pilas, Carol Morton, Sue Harris, Lainey Sexton, Valerie Hendrix at the May plant sale.



In March, **Norwood Garden Club's** program was on "micro-greens." Three clubs attended including **Noweta, Sun-up** and Norwood. The speaker was Tyler Rolins from "Little Row Microgreens." He brought flats of microgreens as well as boxed greens for sale. The program discussed the health benefits they contribute to our diets and how they fight cancer cells. He works with CSA – Community Sponsored Agriculture. The microgreens are being sold to local restaurants and to Pratt's Local Market. littlerowfarms@gmail.com, littlerowfarms.com

Microgreens are immature plants like broccoli, kale, cabbage, sunflowers, arugula, mustard, peas, etc. that contain 4-40X the nutrient density when compared to their full-grown counterparts. The meeting concluded with a salad and sandwich meal provided by Norwood Garden Club. Submitted by Kathy Treffet, President Sun-Up GC



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Tyler Rollins



Members at Powell Library



Smoky Mountain Garden Club members left to right: Kerry Robertson, Wanda Taylor, President Glenda Edmondson, Valerie Whiting, Frances Hoffman, Hostess Sandy Maples and Pat Landry

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Sharon Maples, Pat Landry, Kerry Robertson and Frances Hoffman



Smoky Mountain Garden Club members met at the home of Sharon Maples off of Middlebrook Pike to tour her garden for the May meeting. Sharon started gardening in the early 1990's and currently does not have one inch of grass in her garden. Following the tour, members went to Corner 16 for lunch and fellowship.

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Celebrate National Garden Week at GSMHC!



"Mornings in the Garden" Free Programming

We are thrilled to announce our special programming for National Garden Week! From Sunday, June 5 through Saturday, June 11, we encourage everyone to join us for "Mornings in the Garden" between 10 AM and 12 PM each day. Members of

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the Tuckaleechee Garden Club will be on-site tending to the kitchen garden, offering tours, and answering questions.

Garden Club members will be in period historical dress and will utilize tools that are period accurate. They will discuss flowers, medicinal herbs, and heirloom vegetables growing in the Heritage Center's kitchen garden, located just outside the Anderson and Davis log homes.

Please make plans to join us any morning (or every morning!) next week for this living history demonstration! The program is free to all.



German Butterball Potatoes grown in the GSMHC Kitchen Garden.



Norwood Garden Club

In April we visited Beardsley Community Gardens learning all about their programs that support the needy families in this area and allow for low-income families to plant and harvest produce for their families.. After viewing the gardens our club presented them with a fig tree, and the mustard seed kids provided them with an apple tree. In May, we partnered with West Hills Garden club for a program on container gardening by a Master Gardener Lynn Carlson, Vickie Smith, and Cathy Carpenter. We learned about edible plants, herbs, appropriate plants and drinks made from herbs and how to choose a thriller, filler, and spiller -all required for a successful container gardening pot. Written by Kathy Pearson

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The **Sun-Up Garden Club** has partnered with the North Ridge Boys and Girls Club to share the wonder and beauty of planting vegetables, fruit, and flowers in their club garden space. This group of youngsters call themselves the Panther Garden Club.

The raised garden bed has clay and little soil. It was amended by removing the grass, roto tilling, and adding good quality soil. The children picked up, bagged the grass, and spread the bagged dirt. Together we planted potted tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini, melon, strawberries, some donated and some purchased from the Racheff Garden Sale. I taught how to use a shovel, how to feel the dirt for good growing texture, how to feel the moisture in the soil, how to transfer a young plant from container to the ground and how big to dig the hole. We mulched with straw.

I also taught how to find seeds in packages at a store and how to look at the seed package for planting instructions. We planted Zinnias in ice cream cones then placed in the ground. We learned how to make a thin furrow and plant Sunflower seeds. Interestingly, they wanted to eat the cones and Sunflower seeds. So, we learned about seeds that grow and seeds that are baked leaving them unable to grow. We had fun getting wet and watering the plants. We look at all the different flowers on the plants and talked about where our food comes from. The children all have a journal to keep their notes of what they have learned. Each week I will try to find a new and interesting project like growing garlic from a dried head purchased from the grocery store. Perhaps the next time they shop with their folks, they will take notice of the fruits and vegetables and talk about where food comes from and how it grows.

Submitted by President Kathy Treffert



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The **Arboretum at Racheff Events Committee** hosted the Dixie Regional Hosta Convention at the gardens on Friday, June 3rd for lunch. Members of the committee above – left to right: Connie Barker, Sharon Davis, Martha Frink, Cathy Waitinas, Rebecca Shular, Joan Helton and Linda Daniels.

Not pictured were Kathy Treffert, Ellen Yatteau, Theresa Barnett, Janie Bitner and Wanda Taylor.



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The Knox County Council of Garden Clubs met in June at Marble Springs – John Sevier’s home for a workday in the pollinator garden and to enjoy their annual picnic. Members worked to refurbish and replant the award winning historic garden for visitors to enjoy.



Left to right: Sylvia McLauren (Flower Lover’s GC), Wanda Taylor (Smoky Mountain and Tuckaleechee GC), Ellen Hitchcock (Flower Lovers GC), Jan Brown (Chapman Highway GC), Janie Bitner (Tuckaleechee GC), Terry and Cathy Donaldson (Lenoir City GC), Carol Linger (Chapman Highway GC), Wayne McLauren (Flower Lovers GC), and Linda Wimbrow and Cynthia Orr (Crestwood Ladybugs GC).

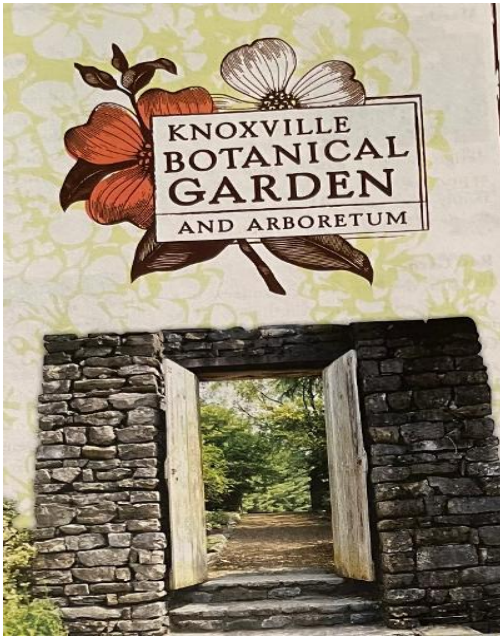
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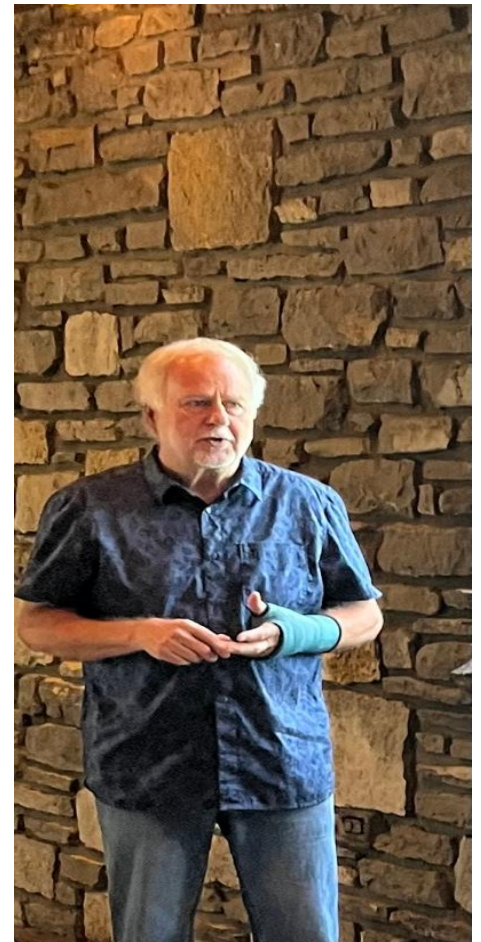
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Dixie Highway Garden Club visits Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum (KBG) on June 9, 2022. Jim Richards was speaker and historian. He told about Howell Nursery before it became KBG and all support available to the gardens and arboretum now through donations. Howell Nursery was the oldest continually operated business in Tennessee until 2003 when it was closed, logging over 217 years of selling plants. The Business meeting followed which included voting into membership our newest member, Lisa Braunreuther, a Farragut, TN resident.

Dixie Highway GC hostesses L to R - Linda Pickle, Catherine Bell, Linda Ford and LaQuita Misner, club president.



Jim Richards,
Executive director,
speaker.

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Top row- Trisha Michaels, Lisa Braunreuther. Linda Pickle, LaQuita Misner, Myra Leichtweis, Charlotte Brown, Victoria Deckard. Kay Stokely, Laura McElroy.

Front Row- L to R: Ann Fritts, Virginia Price, Ruth Ann Fowler, Glenda Mabry, Catherine Bell, Linda Ford. Lunches from the Apple Cake Tea Room in FARRAGUT made this day very special.

Dixie Highway GC will take a July and August summer break and join back together again in September.

HAPPY SUMMER garden clubs of TFGC DISTRICT IV! 😊 – Submitted by Linda Ford

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We have just two remaining "Mornings in the Garden" for National Garden Week! The Tuckaleechee Garden Club will be offering tours and information on Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 12 noon. Come see our heirloom vegetables, traditional herbs, and edible flowers!
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News from the TFGC June 1st, Board Meeting:

President Julie Wilson reported that at the NGC Convention, Tennessee received two Overall winners: Franklin County Garden Club and Sevierville Garden Club. Each will receive a check for \$100. There were two runners up: Garden Club of Signal Mountain and Knox County Council. Still waiting for some awards of appreciation to come in.

Three flower shows received a National Award: Rachel Jackson Garden Club, Dixie Highway Garden Club and Dayton Garden Club. Rachel Jackson Garden Club won the Kitty Anderson Award.

Julie reminded all that this year she wants paper copies of Books of Evidence and that there is a new application which is online. She also asked all clubs having a flower show, whether it is to be evaluated or not, to send her a letter of intent which does two things; it lets us know clubs are having flower shows and gives her a list of all clubs who hold shows for the Flower Show Recognition Award.

Chairman Debbie Shaver announced that the updated awards are now online. Two more files have been added: "How to Apply for Awards" and "Book of Evidence." Changes in the award rules are shown in red. There is a new application which follows the new NGC application. On another note, they have changed some of the Flower Show awards numbers. Be sure to review. There is now only one type of evaluation form whereas before, you used to have three for Flower Shows. If you are planning to have a flower show, send in a letter of intent to your State Awards Chairman and Your State Evaluations Chairman. The state awards chair will then send you a "Flower Show Packet" which will include all forms needed for your show. Send even if you are not planning to have your show evaluated which allows us to know how many shows have been done this year. The deadline is January 1 for Books of Evidence. Judging will start on January 4th in Murfreesboro.

Convention Chair, Denise Thorne and Co-Chair Faye True announced that we have our featured Horticultural Luncheon Speaker for Wednesday, April 5th, 2023. Chris Wiesinger, the "Bulb Hunter of Southernbulbs.com and Bulbhunter.com, has agreed to present a program on Heirloom Bulbs for Today and will be available for book signing and photo opportunities after the program. He will also be shipping samples of bulbs for sale. Contracts for the Thursday, April 6th designer, another talented UT horticulturist/botanist speaker, four workshop opportunities and three trips that will be available, will be signed by the end of July. "Going Green" and "Garden Sustainability" are bywords during the convention. Invitations will start to be handed out all over the state to

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presidents when I visit their clubs. The State Flower Show invitation information will be emailed to all Judges Councils and District Directors for participation. "Planting America" is the focus of NGC, and you will return from these days of the Convention to "Plant Tennessee"! All Chairmen for the convention will be announced by the end of July.

Volunteer Gardener Chairman Anne Krekelberg encouraged clubs to send items in for the next issue. There was a low response for the April Volunteer Gardener. July 15th is the deadline for the summer issue. Photos are needed.

The 2021-2023 Website Committee members are

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Smoky Mountain Garden Club President Glenda Edmondson and member Wanda Taylor visited area garden centers and the Townsend Heritage Center's heritage garden for National Garden Club Week.



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Dixie Regional Hosta Convention guests dining in the gardens at Racheff.
Photo credit by Linda Daniels





Crestwood Hills Ladybugs Garden Club working at Crestwood Recreation Center. Garden club members maintain the garden there.

From left to right: Karen Kennamer, Cynthia Orr, Pres. Sandy Bingham, and Mary Ann Aiken

Submitted by Linda Wimbrow

Such a cute accent for your summer garden. This adorable wheelbarrow is chopped full of summer loving plants and a topiary puppy that lights up at night. This generous donation was gifted to Racheff Arboretum Roof Campaign. Be the highest bidder and this adorable yard art can be yours. **Text your bids to 561 827-9102 with your contact information by Sunday.** The winner will be announced Monday.



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Club news from Eastside Garden Club

Submitted by Jeanie Jackson

Jeanie and husband Don placed a floral arrangement in honor of Memorial Day at the I-81 rest stop for the marker of the Blue Star Memorial which is sponsored by TFGC.

Peggy, Julia and Rosemarie did a splendid job of restructuring the landscaping at the Women Civic Center. They only completed one right side but what an improvement. More work on other side soon and if you are interested in helping with this community project please see Rosemarie. Thanks to Kathleen and Barbara for the landscaping plan and assist. Many plants were donated to this effort from several and what a beautiful job.

Julia, Don and I spent a morning refilling the barrels at Laughlin HC with veggies , herbs and flowers. Plants were also provided to the PT department so patients could engage in actual gardening. Jeanie and Don restructured the Colonial Herb Garden at Doak and have plants ready to place in empty spots. Many of our plants were missing and we hope to have a sign up soon stating this is an education/learning garden for the public so please do not remove any plants. Thanks to Joan we will have another set of eyes for the garden progress.

Ellen Paul has designed brochures for the Garden Week table at our public library and initiated and donated a poster as well. Julia, Ellen, and I will be setting up the display for the library. Don has donated garden books of interest to this project, and we also will have a floral interest as well as a poster display of Bobbies' Garden.

Racheff House Herb Garden was cleaned up and replanted early Spring and hope to travel down to check on the plants.

Susan and volunteers from the club initiated planting the pollinator garden at Tusculum. The grant money via TFGC was very helpful in getting wonderful plants for this project. Please if you can, drop by, weed a little in the herb garden and view the garden Susan has initiated. We are hoping to support a student garden club to insure our future garden club members. volunteers are welcome.

Let Jeanie know if interested in donating to Penny Pines. Due to the devastation of forests national wide we usually give 68 dollars of contributions from each club, and this is enough for our park service to replenish the destroyed forest. We can also specify which area we would like it used on. I usually put down Smoky Mountains in this area.

Special Thank you to Bobbie Cyphers for an excellent program. The Greene Herb Society is now meeting full time on Monday evenings at First Baptist. Membership is welcome and a group will be touring the Midfield Lavender Farm in June. The lady from this farm will be visiting our meeting in June..

I will be giving a program on the history of herbs for our June meeting and for those of you who use these and plant herbs you will enjoy knowing the background. It was my pleasure years ago to get a degree in herbology from a Canadian University. We had no universities here stateside and since I was a registered alternative medicine nursing professional had to obtain this. The other schools were in England and Europe. What a learning experience.

Don and I placed the tubs at the Greeneville Museum log house and wow the plants going in were beautiful .Drive by and see how a small effort makes an enormous impact. We hope we get a little rain today to help with all of our garden efforts.

You all are so wonderful to help and engage in these efforts. Thanks, from the bottom of my heart. Jeanie

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William A. Robinson, Pow, Captain (Ret.) U.S.A. F.

Before unveiling the marker



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Town and Country Garden Club held a summer soiree at Bobby Brown and Todd Richardson's beautiful home and garden. Picture on right: Stephens Koella, DIV Vice Director Janie Bitner, Town & Country President Megan Emery, President Elect Stephanie and DIV Director Wanda Taylor. Below, club members enjoying hearing about the garden's development since 2004.



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