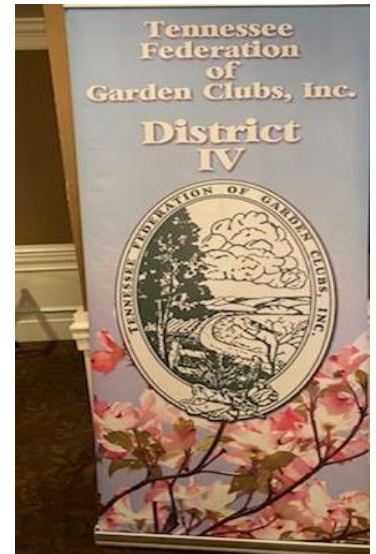




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Greetings District IV Gardeners,

Coming next week- NGC District Standard Flower Show "We the People...who Shape America," will be at the John T. O'Conner Senior Center on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 p.m. and July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a District flower show, held every two years. Plans are underway to open the show with a bang. Come on by and enjoy this show which will be spectacular. Next months issue will feature this District event.

July has been a busy, hot month. I hope your gardens are doing well and you are enjoying this summer.

Mark your calendars for the Fall District Membership Meeting at Fox Den on October 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be again asking for silent auction items. Please contact Janet Underwood with your donations [-jumich@aol.com](mailto:jumich@aol.com). More information will be sent in September.

Information for the TN Valley Fair, Sept 9-18 for three NGC Flower Shows is online and entries will be accepted starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Happy Gardening,  
Wanda Taylor, DIV Director

*Theme: Let East Tennessee Shine with New Growth  
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## District IV News – July Highlights

**Arissa Garden Club** celebrated National Garden Week with a floral gift to the staff at the Oak Ridge Public Library. For over 50 years, Arissa Garden Club has planted and maintained a flower garden at the Library's main entrance. Patrons stop by during planting and watering to ask gardening questions, giving Arissa members an opportunity to share their love of gardening with the community. Submitted by Cathy Waitinas.



Student's plantings in container

**Mountain Laurel Garden Club** had another very busy month in June. After much planning and preparation, members worked with the entire summer school classes at Fairview Elementary planting vegetable gardens in containers and raised beds. The students also planted flowers and seeds in pots and also the wildflower meadow. Each child made a beaded bracelet and planted a container with a blooming vinca to take home at the end of the day. By the time school starts back in August, there should be tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, basil, oregano and more to harvest. This is the second year that members have organized a summer school activity and all agree they had as much fun as the children.

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**Mountain Laurel's** small standard flower show, The Message of Birds, was the big event of the month. Everyone worked hard to make this an enormous success Brenda Gregory and Nancy Robinson were co-chairpersons for the show and in charge of the Horticulture Division. Paula Fortson and Marilyn Johnson were the design and schedule committee. The theme of birds was conducted through the show, with Valerie Hendrix printing a beautiful schedule with bird artwork included. Angie Caldwell designed a lovely sign with a handstitched bird applique, Sandy Vandenberg provided a few of her bird photographs to represent the design and horticulture classes and Sue Harris set up a lovely bird exhibit and carried the bird theme on the dinner tables. Sue also built bird houses as gifts for the judges with three local artists either painting or wood burning designs – of course our Angie Caldwell was one of the artists! Every member helped out to make this a successful show.

The show included 104 horticulture entries (34 blues) and 14 design entries, with 16 out of 17 active members participating. With so many beautiful plants, flowers and designs it was extremely hard for the judges to choose the winner. Best of Show design winner was Sandy Vandenberg in the "Owl Moon" class. Best of Show Horticulture winner was new member Lainey Sexton, with a gorgeous Gladiola entered in "Over in the Meadow" class. This year the club had a special Nancy Robinson Award for the best plant propagated by member – grown from seed, cutting or layered. Carol Morton was the blue-ribbon winner with her lovely Hindu rope plant ( Hoya Carnosa) that she rooted over 25 years ago.

After 2 years of Covid restrictions it was great to get back to working with students and again holding a flower show. Everyone had a great June and found it very entertaining and educational. July and August will bring more workdays at Fairview School and more fun and informative programs.

Submitted by Sandy Vandenburg



Summer School gardening at Fairview. l to r: Kim Pilas, Angie Caldwell, Carol Morton, Anna Shugart, Valerie Hendrix, Lainey Sexton and ( Sandy V behind the lens )



Tomato stakes the students painted

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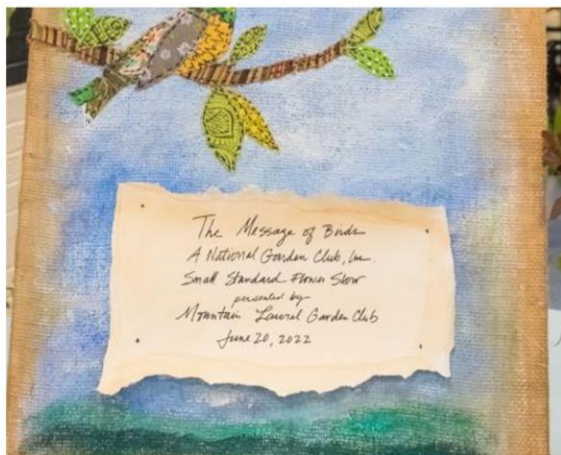
Welcome table . Sign made by Angie Caldwell



Best of Show - Design



judges Vicky Richards, Rebecca Shular, Sharon Davis



Best in Show - Horticulture



Carol Morton receiving the Nancy Robinson Award from Nancy

#### Blue Ribbon Winners



#### Members of **Smoky Mountain Garden Club**

visited several places during the Spring months. In March they attended the District IV Membership Meeting at Fox Den Country Club where they contributed a floral design and silent auction items. They enjoyed learning about the Tennessee Smart Yard Programs and what they could do to make their yards more eco- friendly. April was a field trip to Erin's Meadow Herb Farm where a program was presented on lavender. Members were treated to lavender tea and cookies. Of course, shopping was included! The May meeting was a garden tour at the home of Sharon Maples. Sharon has been gardening since the early 1990's and her yard did not contain one inch of grass. It was truly a delightful visit. The club celebrated National Garden Club Week by touring the Townsend River Walk and Arboretum and by exploring several plant nurseries in the area. SMGC member Frances Hoffman hosted the June meeting at her home. Members enjoyed her gardens and had fun making stepping- stones. The stepping- stones were made from Sakrete, high strength concrete mix, and personalized by each member to take home. The meeting followed with a pot- luck luncheon.

After taking a break in July, the meetings will resume in August with two more Greenhouse tours planned.



Pat Landry, Mary Palmer, Elizabeth Mize, Frances Hoffman, President Glenda Edmondson, Wanda Taylor and Kerry Robertson

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Members enjoyed the beautiful day and touring Frances Hoffman's garden. Following the activity, members enjoyed a potluck lunch.



Members of **Eastside Garden Club** are trying to deal with near one-hundred-degree temperatures and high humidity and daily watering to keep our gardens and plants thriving. We had a couple of showers and July is our month off to dance around the globe gathering new plant ideas and seeing families out of state.

Member Susan Monteleone and Jeanie Jackson traveled to **North Carolina** to visit the **Arboretum** located in Asheville. If you or club wants to see another spectacular Arboretum this is it. They also have a Gift shop as well as Bistro with the most unusual but delicious sandwiches. We trekked the Natural Garden Trail and met many tourists with families and pets. We spent most of our time taking pictures of all the plants and trees identified. They have Landscape gardens, a heritage garden, quilt garden made with florals, stream garden, plants of promise garden, holly garden, amphitheater, gift shops and bistro. We must have taken dozens of pictures. Susan knew all of the plants and trees as she teaches this at Tusculum. I loved the ferns and mushrooms. Another of my favorites was the Bonsai Exhibition Garden. Wow, o Wow. This is a collection and will be available until October for view. Lots of ideas to share with the Racheff garden and Arboretum.

Our June meeting consisted of a visit to a Lavender farm located here in Greeneville. The owner of the garden also instructed members on uses for the acres of lavender present on her farm. She also sells her product at the Oak Ridge Herbal Fair.

One of our projects consists of establishing a pollinator garden on the campus of Tusculum University which is located in Greeneville. Several of the professors are involved with turning this campus into a Bee Campus. Bee- hives were in place until the Smoky Mountain Bears found them. Bears were relocated but a new place must be decided on for replacement hives. Dr. Monteleone is in charge along with Eastside Garden Club in establishing this wonder on the campus. As students arrive for fall they will be offered the opportunity to join a garden club sponsored by Eastside Garden Club and Tusculum. This will be on campus and students perhaps will get credit for their work on this project. Dr. Peter Noll, Professor of Heritage on campus is busy reconstructing a wildflower/plant trail and has already built an outdoor classroom for students to study hands on the environment and associated information on pollinators and recognition of wild and growing perennials such as ferns, mosses just to name a few. We are hoping they will see the value of becoming a garden club member and once they graduate they can continue.

Eastside has also donated and planted at least a hundred plants at the Women's Center in Greeneville as well as install barrels at the log cabin filled with perennials and a few annuals at the log cabin next to the Greeneville Museum.

We are a busy crew right now having to water and nurse projects through the weather issues. Due to the work of member Joan Ruch our heritage Doak House herb garden is beautiful and thriving with her every other day of watering at the University. We are excited about the beautiful measures we have taken to make Greeneville a wonderful place to live.

Submitted Jeanie Jackson, President Eastside Garden Club



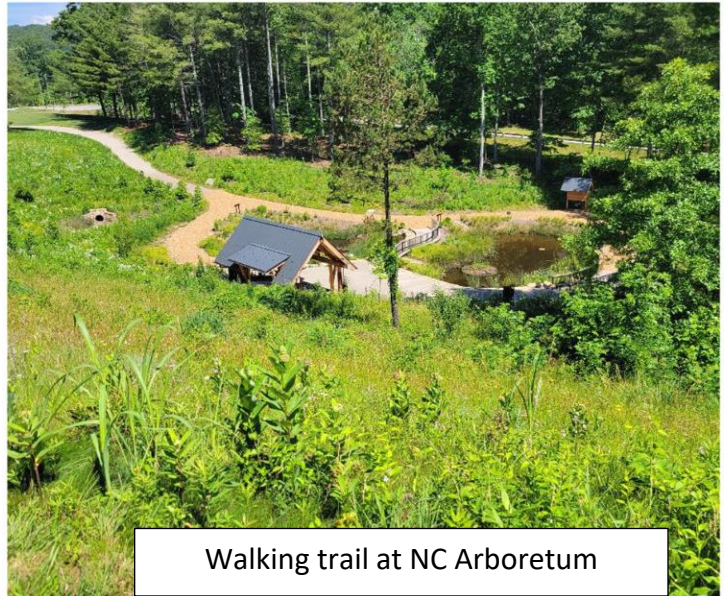
Professor at Tusculum ,Susan Monteleone new member of Eastside.



Bonsai Exhibition Garden



Trail signs in Arboretum



Walking trail at NC Arboretum



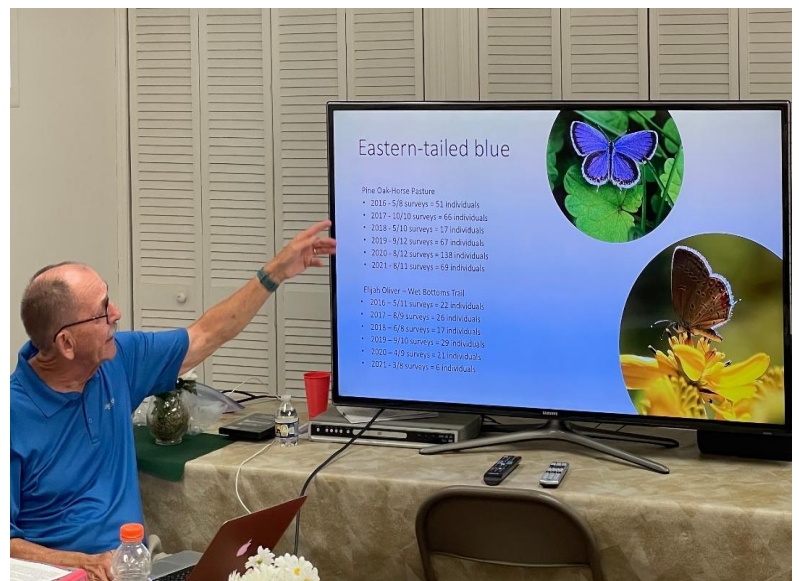


## July Meeting Tuckaleechee Garden Club

**Tuckaleechee Garden Club** (TGC) celebrated winning the Dee Lidvall Stewardship Award for the Townsend River Walk & Arboretum (TRWA), given by Keep Blount Beautiful, at the July meeting of the club. Club members also received updates on additional projects including the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center Heirloom Kitchen Garden and plans for hosting judges and clerks at the upcoming “We The People” flower show. The guest speaker for the monthly meeting was Warren Bielenberg, retired National Park Service Ranger and long-time Cades Cove Volunteer and photographer. Warren gave a fascinating presentation on butterflies, explaining how butterfly counts are conducted in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, with his amazing personal photos. Warren explained one of the wonders of butterfly adaptation: pipeline swallowtail mimicry. Pipevine Swallowtails are unpalatable to birds and other predators, so through natural selection and adaptation, other butterflies began to look like, or mimic, the Pipevine, so they would also be ignored by predators. The Pipevine swallowtail is a dark butterfly with blue on the wings, and through mimicry, we can find other butterflies that look similar, such as the Spicebush Swallowtail. Warren also shared a notable difference between butterflies and moths: butterflies have club shaped antennae with a bulb on the end, whereas moths’ antennae are feathery and lack the club end. Warren also encouraged our club to consider joining the Tennessee Butterfly Monitoring Network (<https://www.thebutterflynetwork.org/program/tennessee-butterfly-monitoring-network>), so we could begin officially monitoring and recording butterflies at the Townsend River Walk & Arboretum.



Warren Bielenberg serving as a volunteer-in-park at Great Smoky Mountains National Park



Warren Bielenberg, retired National Park Service Ranger, shares his results from monitoring butterflies in Cades Cove, Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Tuckaleechee Garden Club celebrates winning the Dee Lidvall Stewardship Award for the Townsend River Walk & Arboretum, presented by Keep Blount Beautiful. Pictured (l-r), Janie Bitner, Tuckaleechee Garden Club President; Mark Seder, TGC member and Chair of the Townsend River Walk & Arboretum; and Theresa Schehr, TGC member and chair of the TGC Plant Sale Fundraiser for the River Walk.



Aerial view of the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center Heirloom Kitchen Garden maintained by TGC members - Below: DIV Director Wanda Taylor and DIV Vice Director Janie Bitner working in the garden.



Tuckaleechee Garden Club member Francesca Messenger maintains the flowers at the Blue Star Memorial at the Townsend Visitor's Center.





The July meeting was held at the Tuckaleechee Methodist Church. Following the business meeting and speaker, member enjoy a pot- luck lunch – every month.



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IRH&G Vice Chair Cathy Waitinas, Chairman Hal Watts and TFGC State President Julie Wilson



The Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Executive Board of Directors and the Arboretum at Racheff Events Committee prepared a brunch for TFGC Executive Board members President Julie Wilson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Susie Askew, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Molly Hampton, Treasurer Susan Quinn, and Assistant Treasurer on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The TFGC Executive Board traveled from the Memphis area to view the state headquarters and gardens.

The Arboretum at Racheff Events chair Sharon Davis with IRH&G Treasurer Rebecca Shular preparing the Brunch table.



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