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Greetings District IV,

August is here and hopefully everyone is finding time to meet with their clubs again. Remember to take caution and practice safe procedures for everyone's sake.

District activities are starting again. Next week on the 23rd and 24th, we have the honor of having a Flower Show Symposium again. Thanks to Cathy Waitinas and her team, a full house is expected.

Upcoming in September, there are two opportunities to view or participate in flower shows. The annual TVA&I Fair held Sept. 10th through 16th will have three separate shows – "Meet me at the Fair". See the brochure for details – page 13 – 19.

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Dixie Highway Garden Club's "Follow Alice Down the Rabbit Hole" Flower Show takes place September 9th. Invitation below.

On another note, Vice Director Jeanie Jackson requested to step away from her position due to personal reasons. The Executive Committee met to nominate a new Vice Director. The Interim Vice Director will be Janie Bitner and the Interim Corresponding Secretary will be Connie Barker. Welcome these ladies in their new positions. We will vote on these positions at the Fall Membership meeting. I hope to see you soon. Remember to invite me to a meeting.

In federation love,
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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TFGC REUNION – SIGN UP NOW FOR THE OCTOBER EVENT.

District IV Club News:



**Town and Country
Garden Club
celebrated their 70th
anniversary on June
22nd.**

**Congratulations
Ladies!**

Save the Date!
TFGC Reunion
Monday Oct 25 4:00 pm
to
Tuesday Oct 26 9:00 pm
Montgomery Bell State Park



“THIS GREEN EARTH NEEDS YOU!”
Refresh } Renew } Create } Enjoy
Watch for more information & registration in the August issue of
the Tennessee Volunteer Gardener



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Eastside Garden Club starting up again!!!

Where does the time go when you are a gardener and leader of the pack? Life is full of surprises and joy when looked at in a positive way. Eastside Garden Club, a small garden club of 15 made it through Covid reluctantly aborting all meetings until the safety was clear. Members tended to our outside projects such as planting trees and individually checking on status at Doak after the University was open again. Racheff Garden was also visited. March brought about a meeting of a few venturing forth for an assessment of membership and their willingness to start our meetings again and to say goodbye to special team member Caroline Fike. Consensus of opinion was only 24 percent of our county had been vaccinated. So, we agreed to gently start our activities later for health and safety. April brought conversation with Dr. Peter Noll at Tusculum University detailing further involvement in our Colonial Herb Garden efforts. Students of biology wanted to grow a pollinator garden and community vegetable garden, so we elected to advise on this expansion. Eastside donated used garden tools, hose, and money for seeds for the group and will be advisors for the expansion. May meeting was with our club treasurer, Barbara Freeland to evaluate our year projections as well order our Visions of Beauty and dues. Members Jeanie and Don Jackson proceeded to install cedar timbers to replace the rotting wood around the Doak Garden. A tub was also donated for invasive herbs to prevent overgrowth. Telephone conferencing with Laughlin Health Care resulted in an agenda to supply the residents with herbs and favorite vegetables for their courtyard garden as well as physical therapy department. Mulch, vegetable and flower starters, soil amendments, and herb plants were delivered to the facility as they had restrictions on visitors. The Sun newspaper featured these efforts on front page with pictures of Dr. Noll and students in our herb garden.

June was a busy month as with the library opening for business we supplied a poster depicting our club activities and invitation to join our efforts for community and conservation in celebrating National Garden Week. Julia Waddell provided a fresh floral arrangement and the club provided two books on our national parks were displayed as well as donated to the library. Membership invitations were made available. Work continued on Doak garden with plant replacements and fresh mulch.

June 12 found President Jeanie Jackson on her way to Dayton Garden Club flower show as a representative from District IV. The show entitled "Along the Trail" was a Horticulture Specialty Show that truly was so well presented that it was a joy. Staging was so beautiful and clever and included not only horticulture of wild trail plants but also photos of flowers, insects, birds, and landscapes. The Cumberland Trail information was very informative. This show was so well staged and presented it needs to be awarded.

June 15th, the club met with Dr. Noll and his team at Tusculum to introduce our expansion into the garden. Luncheon was provided and his team gave a tour of the gardens as well as watershed, beehive and plans for Doak House refurbishing. This picnic on the grounds helped our membership understand the magnitude of helping the students appreciate gardening. July involved a called meeting of members to replace empty positions on the officer roster as well as appointing Kathleen Wright as Co-President to assist President Jeanie with the duties in case of absence. Julia Waddell and Jeanie attended the Racheff Card Party and helped with the Bake Sale. Barbara Freeland and Joel Hausser donated honey for the sale from their private hives. Don made his ginger cookies. Jeanie provided brownies and pound cake. It was a fun filled event and helped our beloved Racheff.

Our August meeting began with the concern of rapidly increasing cases of the Covariant. We met to feature two representatives from the Greeneville Museum who requested our help as a new project for the community. This proposes to be a very worthwhile project to consider after their presentation. Our club will be touring the facility and we will get some idea of what they want and need. We will proceed with this historic project to feature colonial landscaping for the museum as well as the cabin on the grounds. This is exciting! (continued)

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New yearbooks were distributed to the members stressing the web sites and programs until Spring of 2022. Members Julia Waddell and Kathleen Wright will be attending the symposium on Color at the end of the month. Members were urged to visit Racheff and check the websites for further information on district, state, national activities.

submitted by Jeanie Jackson

Below: Jeanie's Garden and the Dayton Garden Club Flower Show



Tuckaleechee Garden Club, July meeting: NGC Flower Show Instructor Cathy Waitinas instructed members on how to make a line design.



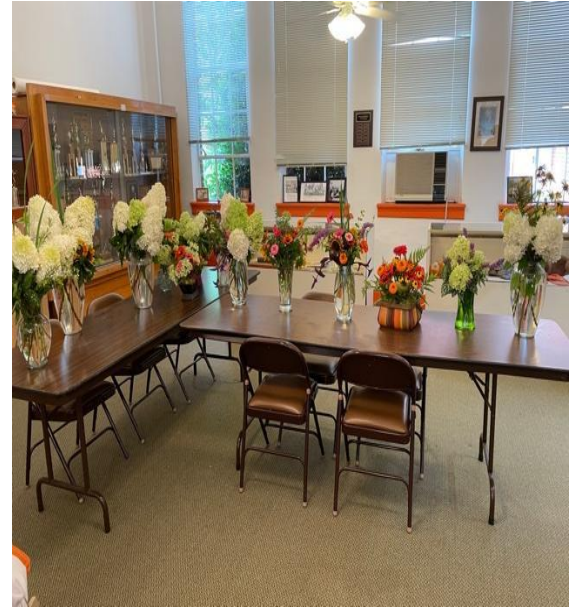
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Tuckaleechee Garden Club -Annual project – making floral arrangements for the Townsend High School Reunion.



Tuckaleechee Garden Club's June speaker was Master Flower Show Judge Emeritus, Nancy Robinson. She gave members pointers on how to prepare their horticulture for flower shows. The garden club maintains the:



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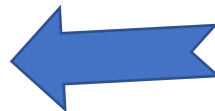
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Smoky Mountains Garden Club

members traveled to the Townsend River Walk, and Arboretum for the June meeting. The tour was led by Tuckaleechee GC member Wanda Taylor. Lunch followed at the Riverstone Restaurant. The club does not meet in July.

**Crestwood Lady Bugs**

This is our last workday at Crestwood Pool. From left: Michele Jessen, Karen Kennamer, Cynthia Orr and Sandy Bingham.

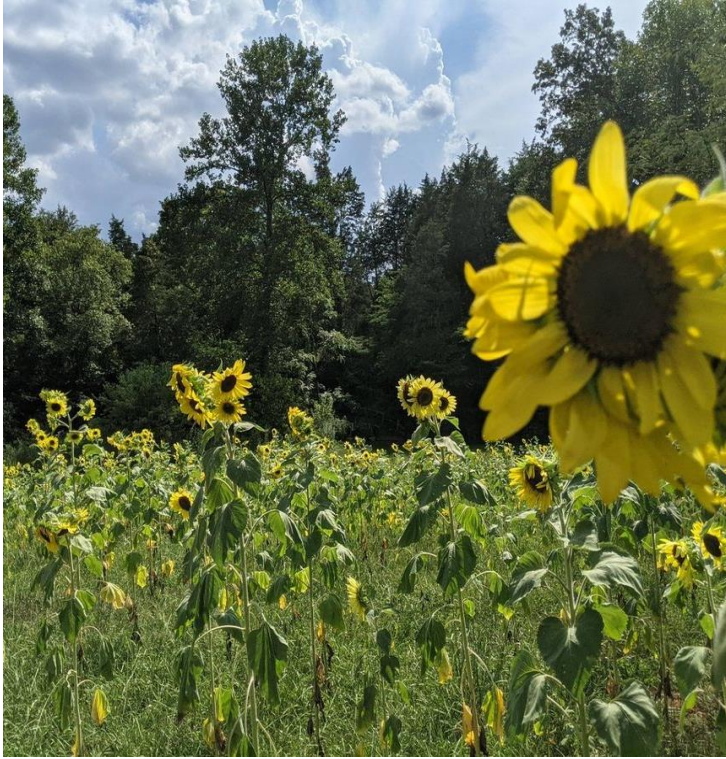


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Sunflower Field at Marble Springs State Historic Site.

The KCCGC members started about 500 Heirloom Lemon Queen Sunflower seeds and planted the seedlings on May 22, 2021, on a vacant field on the property that had been plowed and disked by Marble Spring staff. An additional 850 seeds were planted the next week. Seeds were purchased by Jan Brown. As you can see the seeds and plants did well. Marble Springs hosts many events and school fieldtrips. Kyle Dickson, the director of the site advanced the idea to me in the Spring, and we collaborated to bring this project to completion.

I am attaching some pictures of our KCCCG members planting.
Jan Brown, President

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From Connie Wallace: The green guy is *Agapostemon texanus*, or wait for it....the lime green Sweat Bee.



From **The West Hills 10 O'Clock Gardeners Club** member Winifred Silvers:
July--Dee Lockwood Hicks, from Sweet Pea Garden Shop, presented meanings of flowers/plants and arrangements which conveyed similar sentiments
August- Stephen Bales, naturalist, author, and photographer, presented a most informative program about Monarch Butterflies
September's program is set with a Beardsley Farm presentation.



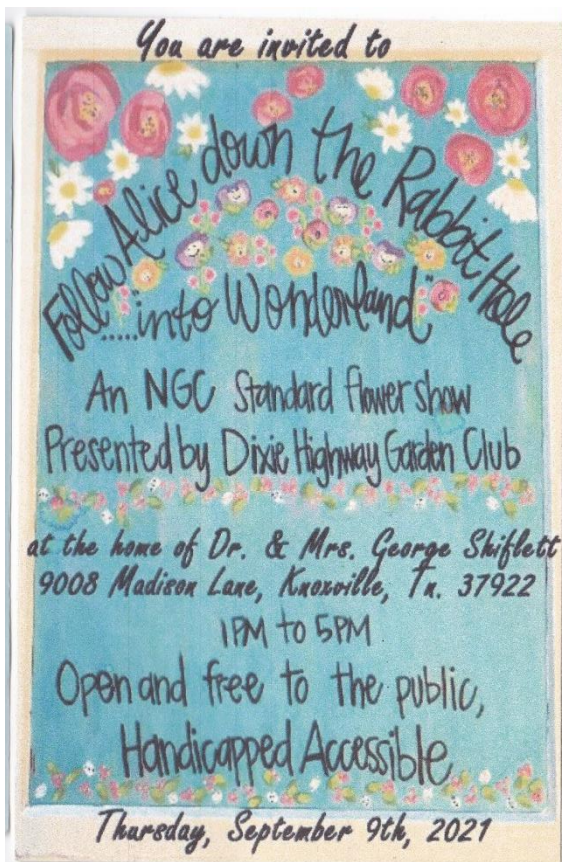
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IVAN RACHEFF HOUSE AND GARDENS SUMMER SPLASH CARD PARTY – JULY 23, 2021



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The Call Letter for the Fall membership meeting will be sent in September

TFGC has asked that clubs donate quality arts and crafts items for the silent auction at the Fall Membership Meeting for a joint fun raiser -50% of profits will be sent to the State and 50% will stay in the District. This will be in lieu of selling items normally sold by the state. Please contact Wanda Taylor to donate items.

District IV Calendar

August 23-24, NGC Symposium – Grace Lutheran Church, Oak Ridge

October 29, DIV Fall Membership Meeting, Fox Den Country Club

September 9, Dixie Highway GC flower show planned to be staged at the home of Dr. and Mrs. George Shiflett,

December 10, Ivan Racheff House and Garden's Greens Tea

March 25, 2022 DIV Spring Membership Meeting, Fox Den Country Club

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