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Greetings District IV Gardeners,

Fall is upon us as we see the gardening season dwindling down. Time for reflection of what we loved this summer and for planning next years' treasures.

October 28 will be our Fall Membership meeting. I hope that many of you will attend as we will have a great presentation on Bluebirds 101 with Chuck Cruickshank. A couple of reminders for clubs:

*Clubs **should plan to bring one Fall/Halloween table design** with a value of \$20- \$25. These will be sold to benefit the district. Please put price on envelope and GC name. Prizes will be given for Best Halloween Arrangement, Best Fall Theme and Crowd Favorite. Each winner will receive \$50.00. *A

silent auction will be held in Brassies with donations from **Garden Clubs of arts and crafts items**. Consider bringing at least one item for the auction. Contact Janet Underwood with information about your item. – jumich@aol.com (limit is 50 items). *Spring

Bulbs will be available for purchase- amaryllis, daffodils, tulips, alliums, others. and will be in Brassies with the silent auction. Hope to see you in October. 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



District IV Executive Committee hard at work planning the Fall Membership Meeting on October 28, 2022. Left to Right: Director Wanda Taylor, Advisor and past DD Connie Wallace, Corresponding Secretary, Advisor and past DD Connie Barker, Ways and Means Co-Chair Janet Underwood, Fox Den Liason Linda Ford, and Ways and Means Co-Chair LaQuita Misner.

A message from Kathy Pearson on the Mustard Seed Camp at Ivan Racheff House and Gardens

The morning of July 29th was the beginning of our 2022 Mustard Seed Camp. Recent rains made the Racheff's garden area a muddy mess, as confirmed by Pam, the groundskeeper, who told me, "The children's garden flooded with all the rain we've had." Regardless, John Bradley and Suzanne Bowman from the Lakemoor Hills Club, along with Kathy Treffet from the Sunup Garden Club, trudged away with the children to plant multiple-colored irises, purple petunias, and magnificent orange zinnias. The Norwood Garden Club provided gloves to keep the thick mud from getting all over the children's clothes, as they pulled weeds and planted their iris in the beds chosen for planting.

After returning from the garden, the children were divided into three groups for more fun activities. Each group rotates after 30 minutes of instruction. Diane Forry from the Chapman Highway Garden Club instructed the kids about recycling using newspaper, as well as other items they can recycle. The children made recycled newspaper flowerpots and planted radishes with take home instructions from Diane on how to care for their new plant.

Joan Helton and Connie Barker from the Sunup Garden Club led the next group. Their presentation topics were visiting Reelfoot Lake in west Tennessee and making lotus blossoms. They showed a video of the cypress trees' knees which are the actual roots of the cypress tree and the lotus blossoms with pads that bloom in the lake and

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grow up to four to five feet After receiving so much information, the children eagerly asked many questions about the birds and were delighted to hear “Challenger” squawk two times. I think “Challenger” enjoyed the visit with our kids, as much as we enjoyed him.

Next, our Home Depot instructor, Tammy Wade, taught the children how to build a race car from the kits she brought. It was unusually quiet during this activity since no tools were required for this ---only the children’s hands. What a blessing with no sounds of hammering from 24 children!

The remaining time was spent distributing door prizes, camp attendance certificates, and goodie bags. There were several new children this year who enjoyed themselves and said they planned to attend the camp next year. I know I always enjoy the camp!

A special thank-you to Connie Wallace from the “Garden Guild” and the Dixie Highway Garden Club, who served as our on-site nurse this year. Our previous nurse, Angie Milligan, was unable to attend due to a breast cancer diagnosis and we are wishing her a speedy recovery and praying for her. I would also like to express thanks for our goodie bag fillers (Janice Bridges, Mary Ellen Pierce, and Kristi McPherron) and the goodie bag business donators (Home Depot, the American Eagle Foundation, Sonic, Chick-Fil-A, McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Wishbone, Food City, Ingles, Office Depot, Texas Roadhouse, and the Reelfoot Lake Visitors Center). Other thanks go to Norwood Garden Club member, Angie Brandt, for her iris donations and to our camp attendance keeper, Randee Lynn Kirby.

Until next year, Happy Gardening! ----Submitted by Kathy Pearson



The Dixie Highway GC September meeting was held in Loudon County at the home of club member Kay Stokely. There were 22 members present, including three ladies who were recently voted into club membership. The program was learning “all things about growing mushrooms” presented by Owen Barnes, Agriculture Manager, Monterey Mushrooms. Mr. Barnes spoke and brought a flat of young mushrooms to exhibit the entire process -from mulch to mushrooms for growing the produce at their Loudon County company. A fascinating program which kept the members attention throughout his presentation. He brought flats of boxed Monterey Mushrooms for each member.

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Owen Barnes, Agriculture Manager, Monterey Mushrooms, 72 West, Loudon, TN 37774
865-408-1851

It was a special moment when Linda Ford exhibited the National Garden Club Certificate of Appreciation First Place Award with Blue Ribbon for club's September 2021 Flower Show, ".... Into Wonderland." The award was presented to DHGC at the NGC National Convention in May 2022 in Orlando, FL. The flower show also received TFGC DIV BLUE RIBBONS for both Schedule and Staging.

DHGC club members. Standing l to r:

Yvonne Coulson, Trish Michaels, Rose Moseley, Julia Shiflett, Lisa Braunreuter, Ruth Ann Fowler, Donna Brown, Catherine Bell, Hostess Kay Stokely, Kathy Lasater, Linda Ford.

On staircase from bottom: Charlotte Brown, Judy James, Laura McElroy, Connie Wallace, Club President LaQuita Misner, Victoria Deckard, Glenda Mabry, Virginia Price, Amy Hinton, Beth Colman, Janet Underwood.



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KANUNSITA GARDEN CLUB
PRESENTS
**"CELEBRATING OUR ROOTS
75 YEARS AND STILL BLOOMING"**
FLOWER SHOW AND DEMONSTRATIONS

**FROM 1-3 PM
SATURDAY OCTOBER 8
DURING
PUMPKINTOWN**

**AT
ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
123 S. JACKSON STREET
ATHENS, TN**



Kanunsita Garden Club's invitation to Flower Show and Demonstrations. The Flower Show is "Celebrating Our Roots, 75 Years and Still Blooming". The event is October 8th from 1-3 during Pumpkintown.

Beth Beaty

Pumpkintown celebrates the rich cultural history of East Tennessee. Native American culture and local history are displayed with elements that are unique and interesting for all ages. Pumpkintown is one of the largest annually attended events in McMinn County with almost 16,000 in attendance.

The **Knox County Council of Garden Club's** will have their fall plant sale at Marble Springs on October 15th. If you would like to donate items, bring plants, bulbs, roots, seeds, etc... to the October meeting at Racheff on September 6th or let Jan Brown know how to get the plants from you. Jan – 865-441-4477 or drjanw@comcast.net

Mountain Laurel G C had a delightful August meeting, with member Angie Caldwell instructing members on the technique of "flower pounding". Members brought cotton tee shirts, aprons, fabric for wall hangings or anything they wanted to decorate. Everyone also brought flowers from their gardens to use and to share with others. Before the meeting, members soaked fabric in 4 quarts of hot water with 1 T cream of tartar and 1 T alum until cool. Fabric or item was then hung to dry and ironed.

Each member completed their project at the meeting. Designs were arranged and then cardboard was placed beneath the fabric, flower or leaf was placed on fabric with a piece of parchment paper covering it and then the pounding with a hammer began. After vigorous

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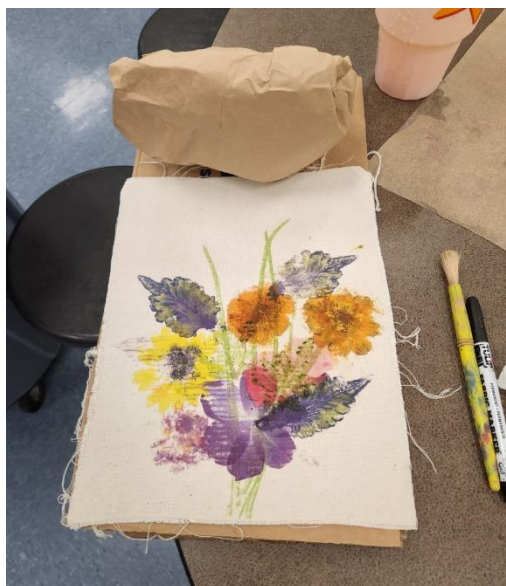
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pounding, the flower or leaf was removed and the next flower or leaf was placed on fabric and process was repeated. A few plants that seemed to work well were chives, Japanese maples, sensitive ferns, cosmos, vinca, Cleome, marigolds, and ironweed. Some members then outlined their designs with fabric pencils. After 24 hours, fabric needed to be ironed, then soaked in cold water with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt, rinsed and hung to dry.

Maryville College has again asked the club to decorate for their October Homecoming Celebration, so members will be using their creativity again in September, constructing scarecrows.

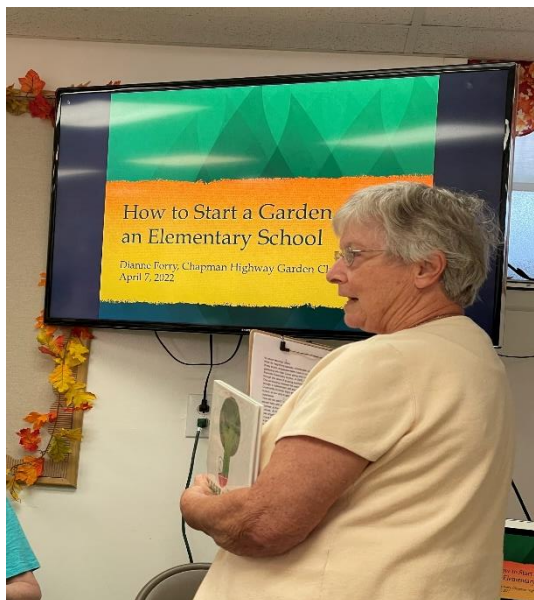


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Tuckaleechee Garden Club - September 2022

Diane Forry, Chapman Highway Garden Club, presents *"How to Start a Garden at an Elementary School"* to Tuckaleechee Garden Club at the September meeting.

Diane Forry, Chapman Highway Garden Club, explains the importance of building partnerships with the schools, Boys and Girls Club, and other civic organizations, including Rotary, to provide the infrastructure and support for her highly successful program for children at the South Knoxville Elementary School. Diane's activities for children include a vegetable garden, butterfly garden, container garden, window boxes, and more. Children participate weekly after school in weeding, watering, harvesting, making teas and ornaments, studying seed packets and frost dates, learning about pollinators, butterflies, trees, leaves, birds, nature crafts, and herbs. The children also work on reading, writing, drawing, and journaling.



Tuckaleechee Garden Club participated in the Blue Ribbon Country Fair on September 24th at the [Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center](https://www.greatsmoky-mountains-heritage.com/). Club members gave impromptu talks to visitors on the service projects and activities of the club and taught both adults and children how to make corn husk dolls. TGC also focused on recruiting new members to the club.

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Tuckaleechee Garden Club member Debbie Dickie organized an activity for children to learn about and make Native American corn husk dolls for the Blue Ribbon Country Fair at the [Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center](#).



Tuckaleechee Garden Club member Lainey Sexton teaches kids how to make corn husk dolls at the Blue Ribbon Country Fair at the [Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center](#).

To enhance new member recruitment efforts consistent with District IV Director Wanda Taylor's theme "Let East Tennessee Shine With New Growth", Tuckaleechee Garden Club (1) enhanced our [website](#) to include additional information about the club and the meeting calendar, (2) developed recruiting materials and business cards with our web address and a quick response (QR) code linking prospective club members directly to the website, and (3) displays recruitment materials at events like the Blue Ribbon Country Fair at the [Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center](#).



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More notes from Kathy Pearson and **Norwood Garden Club**

Chances are you remember the story about the “Sunflower Garden” at Powell Library. Well, guess what? We are back! Planting sunflowers takes a lot of patience, stamina, and flexibility. We planted mammoth, colorful, dwarf sunspot sunflowers and sunflower skyscrapers. We thought we were “one up” on the planting this year but a week later, I returned to find a mama bunny and three little bunnies scampering away from the garden area. Needless to say, all but one plant remained. So, once again, we planted and replanted! I also went to Powell Florist because they had planted sunflowers and I had another idea that I’ll share with you later. When, finally, I decided the best thing to do was replant at home and keep them to give away to the children and allow them to experience the joys and troubles of gardening.

We were invited to return to story time at the library to share with them the plight of the sunflowers. We began with a few songs, followed by three stories about sunflowers. We had a total of sixteen children that I shared the same story with, as I just shared with you. I showed the children two sunflower heads which I got from the sunflower patch that Walta Pat, the owner of Powell Florist, grows.

Since we had no sunflower heads that were dried up, the children were able to pull out seeds from the head to take home. I also shared with the children, several types, and sizes of seeds from marigold, sunflowers, gladiola, and celosia. Norwood provided baggies to put all of their seeds in to take home for planting. We gave away four sunflower plants, three gladiola bulbs, celosia seeds, and sunflower seeds.

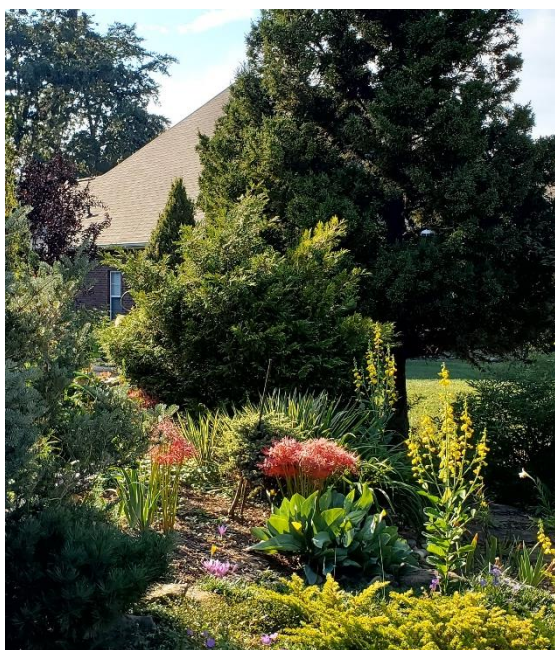
I discussed with the children what plants need in order to grow and asked them these questions about planting: “What do you need to grow a plant?” They answered, “Soil, seeds, and water.” I said, “Correct, but you need one more thing,--- it’s something that keeps the soil warm.” A little child answered, “I know--a blanket!” We laughed and I said, “Well, it is like a blanket. It is the sun that keeps the soil warm like a blanket. Later, we made a craft: a sunflower picture made from foam and placed on a piece of construction paper. They were excited and wanted to be sure I saw their pictures.

We concluded our visit by inviting them to visit the back of the library to see the remaining sunflowers. What a great way to end two years of sharing with the community!

Norwood News

For the first year, in a long, long time, we achieved a spectacular treat! We placed first in both artistic design sweepstakes and first place in horticulture. We had nine Junior Gardeners participating in horticulture winning several blue ribbons, a few red ribbons, and a couple of white ribbons. Congratulations to both the Juniors and the Norwood Garden Club winners! Great job!!

Submitted by Kathy Pearson



Smoky Mountain Garden Club members went on two field trips in September- one to the garden of Master Gardener Faye Beck and the other to Stanley's Green House for a class on Fall Vegetable Gardening with John Tullock. Pictured top left – Frances Hoffman. Top right-Wanda Taylor, Frances Hoffman and Kay Turner. Bottom right- President Glenda Edmondson, John Tullock and Frances Hoffman.

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Tennessee Garden Clubs, Inc.
 District IV Fall Membership Meeting
 Friday, October 28, 2022
 Fox Den Country Club
 12284 North Fox Den Drive
 Knoxville, Tennessee 37934
 Registration opens: 8:45 AM.
 Meeting begins promptly: 9:30 AM
Please note per Fox Den Dress code-Business casual – no jeans
 Official Call letter:



The 2022 District IV Fall Membership meeting will be held at **Fox Den Country Club**. Morning registration and coffee/tea begin at 8:45 and lunch is included in the registration fee. The Executive Board welcomes all garden club members to attend.

This is an opportunity for DIV Club Presidents to let others know about their club's projects, plans and successes. Please prepare a 2 minute report to be given at the meeting.

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We do have the Square, however, checks and cash are welcome.

The featured program of the day will be BB 101 – An Introduction to Blue Birding by Chuck Cruickshank. In addition, there will be information on **design**. We will have our annual District business meeting, bulb sale, silent auction and more. If you wish to be on the **Agenda** please notify me by **Friday, October 14th**.

We are fortunate to have this meeting space at Fox Den available to us at no charge. We hope that you will attend and bring a friend!

The registration fee is \$30 and the menu follows:

Chicken Stuffed Crepes topped with Mornay Sauce, Parmesan Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Rolls, and a fall dessert. Tea and coffee.

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Registration Form
TGC District IV Spring Membership Meeting
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Fox Den Country Club
12284 North Fox Den Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee 37934

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Garden Club Name & Number
 attending _____

We will attempt to accommodate requests for substitutions due to allergies or special needs.

Number of persons attending at **\$30.00** each and **amount enclosed**
 _____ / _____

Important: If you wish confirmation of registration and receipt of check, you must include your email.

For name tags **please print** clearly names of those attending:

Name of attendee	Special meal needs? Note below
1.	
2.	
3.	

Make checks payable to -TFGC District IV

Mail to Registrar: Linda Daniels
 8514 Reed Drive Ext
 Powell, TN 37849-2609
 865-384-8470

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 18th, 2022

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