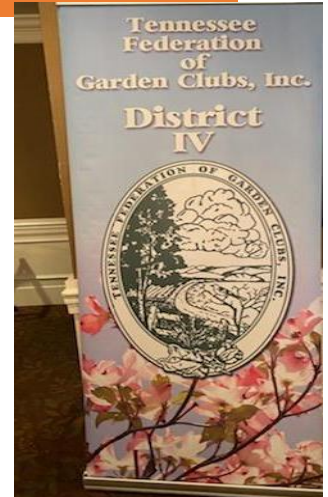




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Greetings District IV Gardeners,

The District IV Fall meeting is this Friday. We have 83 members registered to attend. Members will enjoy a presentation on Bluebirds and dine on a lovely lunch. The District will hold a silent auction and will be selling Spring Bulbs - amaryllis, daffodils, tulips, alliums, others. The Vision of Beauty Calendars will be available to pick up. And there will be much more to share.

With Fall in the air and holidays approaching, I hope you have your gardens ready for winter. You will reap the benefit next Spring.

See you soon,

District IV Director Wanda Taylor



Theme: Let East Tennessee Shine with New Growth

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District IV News



Smoky Mountain Garden Club members Glenda Edmondson, Frances Hoffman and Kay Turner attended a Garden Galavants tour to several private gardens and garden centers in Boone, North Carolina. Garden Galavant founders Sue Hamilton, Faye Beck and Michelle Rinehart over trips throughout the year to fabulous gardens and events. For more information you may contact gardengallivants@gmail.com

A message from Chapman Highway Garden Club

Chapman Highway Garden Club mentors young gardeners
Submitted by Nancy Howell, president of Chapman Highway Garden Club
Oct. 5, 2022

"I got a tomato," yelled Flora as she ran from South Knoxville Elementary School to her raised garden near the playground. Flora is one of several nine and ten-year-old students participating in the Chapman Highway Garden Club's after school program, teaching local youngsters about plants, pollinators and sustainability.

Since 2015 club members Dianne Forry, Carol Linger and others in the Chapman Highway Garden Club have facilitated the program, teaching students how to plant, maintain, and harvest fruits and vegetables. Students also learn how to compost kitchen and garden waste. "My favorite thing about the garden is the good food," said Flora. Her friend Hazel said fruits and vegetables are her favorites, while Cheyenne enjoys picking the vegetables she helps to grow.

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Through a grant from the Knox County Council of Garden Clubs and additional financial support from the Chapman Highway club, Dianne, and her group at the South Knoxville Elementary Youth Garden Club work throughout the year on garden projects. With other partners, including the Knoxville Boys and Girls Club, Beardsley Community Farm and the Community Schools initiative in Knox County, students have a variety of learning activities. With the help of Maryl Burke, a nutritionist from Beardsley farm, students learn how to prepare the fruits and vegetables that they raise at the school.

“I thoroughly enjoy watching the children get hooked on gardening,” said Dianne. “Some really like it, and go all-in, and I think they may continue to garden as they grow up. They will not be afraid to try new foods, either, if they grow them!”

Students have taste testings, garden science activities, cooking demonstrations and weekly garden activities at the school, said Dianne. In addition, the school has numerous composting stations for students to learn how to improve soil sustainably.

An additional part of garden club’s activities at elementary school is planting milkweed and other host plants to support monarch butterflies. During a September outing, Dianne and Carol took the students to the small pollinator bed with magnifying glasses to locate monarch caterpillars. Students excitedly inspected milkweeds and identified at least eight monarch caterpillars in the bed of milkweed, honey vine, coral honeysuckle, and lantana.

This successful program gives youngsters a strong link to gardening, while providing the garden club a meaningful link with our local community.

Captions for attached photos: #1 Flora harvests tomatoes, #2 L-R Flora, Diane Forry, Cheyenne and Carol Linger, #3 Cheyenne(left) and Flora (right) find monarch caterpillar



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Last month's newsletter article about the Mustard Seed Camp at Ivan Racheff House and Gardens was missing a couple of pictures. Please enjoy the ones below submitted by Kathy Pearson, Norwood Garden Club.



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Doctor Jan Brown presented the State Headquarters, Ivan Racheff House and Gardens with a new flag. Above, Knox County Council of Garden Clubs' plant sale at Marble Springs.

Maryville College has again asked the **Mountain Laurel Garden Club** to decorate for their October Homecoming Celebration, so members used their creativity to construct scarecrows.



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Did Someone say pumpkins? **Flower Lovers Garden Club's** October meeting was all about pumpkins. The Racheff Events Committee created 70 designer pumpkins to celebrate Fall. The workshop was a perfect example of one garden club sharing with another. Sevierville Garden Club shared with Flower Lovers Garden Club who shared with the Racheff Events Committee. The pumpkins were sold at various fundraisers to benefit club's activities.



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Some members of **Tuckaleechee Garden Club** visited the Cultural Heritage Center in Townsend which collect artifacts from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and select other Parks. The tour was limited to the first 15 attendees. Another tour will be arranged later for those who could not attend.



Baird Todd, Curator of the GSMNP Preservation Center led the tour for members. He displayed a garment weaved by the Walker Sisters.



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Sevierville Garden Club's October meeting was also all about pumpkins. Members designed pumpkins to sell at the Wears Valley Craft Fair for their Fall fundraiser. Vice District Director Janie Bitner and District IV Director Wanda Taylor attended the club's meeting to try their hand at creating designs.



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Mountain Laurel Garden Club Sept/ Oct

Submitted by Sandy Vanderburg

Fall is another busy time for Mountain Laurel Garden Club members, in fact every month seems busy. The September meeting was an evening of designing and constructing scarecrows for the Maryville College October Homecoming. Members had fun making heads, choosing hats and accessories and dressing their creations.

October meeting was our annual Spooky Halloween Fundraising Auction and members enjoyed some spooky treats created by Angie Caldwell and Sandy Vanderburg. Sandy auctioned off some great items, with heavy bidding on donated birdhouses. The auction was a huge success with over \$400 dollars raised to help support community projects.

Members had a great time and did a fantastic decorating 5 places on the Maryville College campus, with mums, straw bales, corn shucks and scarecrows. Displays also had gourd heads, a cow, fencing, a gate and a Scottie dog. Everything came together perfectly.

Everyone is looking forward to our November meeting with guest speaker Erin Cantor, Manager of Science and Literacy and Research at the Great Smoky Mountain Institute at Tremont. We are blessed to live in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and enjoy learning all we can about our local environment.



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News from **Kanunsita Garden Club:**

Kanunsita Garden Club has deep roots in McMinn County. The club was founded in 1947 when the Athens Garden Club sponsored it. This new club was formed in an attempt to include the younger women of Athens. The first officers chosen by the 26 charter members were Mrs. Thomas Mayfield, (Alma) president, Mrs. W. B. Wilson, (Carolyn) vice president, and Mrs. T.B. Dooley, (Laverne) secretary-treasurer. After organizing they searched for a club name. They enlisted the input of gardening and nature columnist Robert Sparks Walker of the *Chattanooga Times* on names and settled on Kanunsita, which means “dogwood” in the Cherokee language.

In October 2022 they celebrated their 75th year by hosting a flower show at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church during the Pumpkintown festival. Design themes were chosen that celebrated the club’s roots, area interests, and autumn flora. The club has 35 members under current president Beth Beaty. Marsha Flanigan was the Flower Show chairman. The public was invited to attend and view the beautiful flower arrangements and to see a varied amount of horticulture cut from members’ gardens as well as houseplants.

There were winners of blue ribbons in each design category and in horticultural. Marsha Flanigan’s blue-ribbon design in the class “A Glorious Heritage” where the theme was a design using all dried material that incorporated pumpkins or gourds this glorious arrangement also won “Best in Show.” Her design incorporated Southern Magnolia seed pods, dried okra, corn shucks, and “money plant.”

Martha Culvahouse earned a blue ribbon for her interpretation of “Greening of America” this was a textural arrangement in all green. She used thread leaf amsonia, lamb’s ear, wire vine, green hydrangea, and river oats. The

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various greens were arranged artfully in a green container.

We do live in Tennessee so Big Orange fans who visited the flower show agreed the timeliest design exhibit was Terri Kratz's blue ribbon depiction of "Tailgate Time in Tennessee," which captured a Tennessee Vols sports theme in a casual picnic setting. There was no lack of orange. Members later laughed that Terri's arrangement was probably the reason the Vols beat LSU on Saturday.

Included in the flower show were how-to demonstrations by Beth Beaty on bow-making and wreath-making for the upcoming Christmas season. Educational exhibits are another important part of being a Garden Club of excellence. Kanunsita welcomed two new member who gracious helped set up the show. Beth Baillon is already a Master gardener and Maggie Dieter, who is currently looking to complete this UT program.

Submitted by Betty Beaty

Marsha and her arrangement



Terri Kratz's arrangement



Horticultural winner was Emily Cate with her succulent entry of *Euphorbia lacteal*.



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