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Greetings District IV,

As 2022 comes to a close, we reflect back on the events, classes, programs, visits, and new friends we have made through our garden clubs. After several months of being quarantined in 2019- 2021, we are once again back to doing the things we love – planting community gardens, attending flower shows and symposiums, attending meetings in person, attending workshops, and participating in club activities and projects. NOT meeting on Zoom! I am so thankful and appreciate the opportunities that we have to further garden clubs in DIV.

Looking ahead to 2023, we still have much more to accomplish. Remember that club President's reports are due by January 15th. In March, we will have our Spring DIV membership meeting and n new officers will be installed for the next administration. We have a TFGC State Convention in April, the first in person convention in 4 years. And then, in 2024, the Deep South Convention in Gatlinburg.

Thank you for a great year for this district. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Stay safe and check on your inactive members and friends. See you in 2023!

Wanda Taylor
District IV 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

Annual Greens Tea at Ivan Racheff House and Gardens



Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Board members worked for four days creating designs for the annual Greens Tea. Other Board members met at the home of Julia Shiflett to fashion fresh wreaths.



DIV Vice Director with Julia Shiflett and fresh wreath



Greens Tea Co-Chairs Wanda Taylor and Janie Bitner



Tree courtesy of Julia Shiflett

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Scenes from the Greens Tea: TFGC President Elect Denise Thorne, DIII Director Diane Ryder (Lakemoor Hills GC President John Bradley), Board members Martha Frink and Charlotte Miller, Former TFGC President Pam Dowd serving punch to Smoky Mountain GC President Glenda Edmondson, Board member Lori Emery replenishing the tea table with Theresa Schehr looking on. The tea table centerpiece was provided by Noweta GC member Margaret Trammell.



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Above Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Chair Hal Watts, TFGC President Elect Denise Thorne and Former TFGC President Cindy Hintz. Middle Shady Oaks GC members Jan Taylor and Sara Bowers with Carole Whited. Janet Oakes serving punch at the tea.

Below: Board members Lori Emery, Theresa Schehr, Charlotte Miller, and Ruth Wall. Right – District IV Director Wanda Taylor with Sun-Up GC member Linda Daniels, both Board members. Behind our DJ, Mr. Brian Aylward.





Dixie Highway Garden Club celebrated Christmas at Fox Den Country Club. Club member Becky Durrance is club chaplain and presented a beautiful narrative about the journey of the Wise Men as they followed the STAR searching for the Baby Jesus. Following the business meeting Becky also presented the program by demonstrating the Paper White Champaign Flute designs we each would make for our indoor gardens. Becky, Ann Fritts and Yvonne Coulson were hostesses for the meeting.

Standing back row: l to r: Kathy Lasater, Catherine Bell, Linda Ford, Janet Underwood, Myra Leichtweis, Laura McElroy, Judy James, Becky Durrance, Lisa Braunreuter. Ann Fritts, Glenda Mabry, and Kay Stokely. Seated l to r: President LaQuita Misner, Rose Moseley, Donna Brown, Charlotte Brown, Linda Pickle, Kris Van Allen, Amy Hinton.

Becky Durrance demonstrates the process for making our Flute designs.

Donna Brown w/Champagne Flute Paper White design.

Catherine Bell, DHGC First Vice President and President LaQuita Misner



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Mountain Laurel Garden Club celebrated Christmas with a potluck dinner at the home of Anna Shugart and by making donations to Tremont and Haven House. Pictured from top to bottom
Lainey Sexton, Valerie Vesper, Carol Morton, Kim Pilas, Valerie Hendrix, Marilyn Johnson, Mable Keller Brown, Wilma Buczek, Brenda Gregory, Sandra Stricklin, Sue Harris, Paula Fortson, Anna Shugart, and Sandy Vandenberg.



Dixie Highway Garden Club was represented at the event “laying the wreaths at Miller Cove.” Members Judy James, Ann Fritts and Club President LaQuita Misner participated.

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Tuckaleechee Garden Club celebrated Christmas at the Barn Event Center in Townsend. A wonderful potluck lunch was supplied by members and a dirty Santa game was played. Allison Pearson provided a slideshow featuring the club's activities during the year and Debbie Dickie entertained members with her Christmas playlist. Spouses were invited to the luncheon.



The Townsend River Walk decorated for Christmas.



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Tuckaleechee members at the Greens Tea: Wanda Taylor, Ruth Wall, Martha Frink, Charlotte Miller, Theresa Schehr. Sitting – President Janie Bitner and Jolene Martin.

Allison Pearson from Tuckaleechee Garden Club applied for the NGC Plant America Grant. She received an email from David Robson, NGC Plant America Committee Chairman. He reported that the committee met and reviewed more than 180 applications, diverse and unique. They were eye-openers to the committee as to what clubs do around the United States. It makes NGC proud.

More importantly, I am pleased to state that your club (Tuckaleechee Garden Club) is one of the recipients of a Plant America grant in the amount (\$1000.00) requested.

I wish you and your club a most wonderful New Year. Stay safe.

David Robson

NGC Plant America Committee Chairman

<https://gardenclub.org/plant-america-community-project-grants>

Congratulations TGC!!!!



Wreaths Across America



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Sevierville Garden Club at the Greens Tea: Ellen Yatteau, Karen Braud, Mary Lussier, Dixie Seaton, President Melanie Hill, Ann Luckett, Karen Miller, Faye Holbert

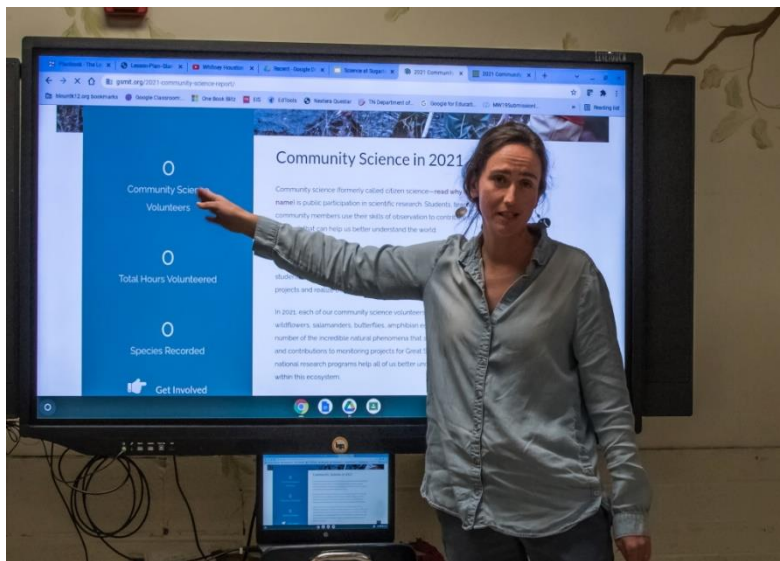
Sevierville Garden Club members attending the Greens Tea: L-R. Faye Holbert, Karen Miller, Teresa Barnett, Dixie Seaton, Karen Braud, Ann Luckett, and Mary Lussier

Smoky Mountain Garden Club
President Glenda Edmondson with Wanda Taylor at the Greens Tea.





The December meeting for **Smoky Mountain Garden Club** was a potluck lunch held at the home of Wanda Taylor. Members were Valerie Whiting, Elaine Kant, Pat Landry, Kay Turner, Frances Hoffman, Glenda Edmondson, and Wanda.



Mountain Laurel Garden Club's member, Erin Cantor, manager of science literacy and research at great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont presented a program on Monarchs and Citizen Science projects at Tremont.

Mountain Laurel Garden Club closed out the year with a great program presented by member, Erin Cantor in November and a fun filled Christmas dinner at the home of Anna Shugart in December. Erin presented some interesting facts on Monarchs and then covered Citizen science projects at Tremont. After hearing her program several members want to wade into ponds this winter to discover Wood Frog eggs and also hunt for salamanders in streams and in moist leaves. Members brought potluck for the annual Christmas dinner and Anna baked a ham to go with all the dishes. Everyone had fun with the dirty Santa gift exchange, and no one held back from taking a present they wanted. Members voted to give a donation to Haven House and to Tremont for Christmas. Everyone is looking forward to 2023 with plans already being discussed for Fairview School gardens, decorating Maryville College for Homecoming and programs for the coming year. Mountain Laurel wishes everyone the best in 2023 !

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