



TFGC District IV



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Greetings District IV,

A New Year! 2023 came in with a bang. I hope that these cold blasts are gone for the year, however, Winter is still here. An article by Natalie Baumgarner and others,, UT Extension Master Gardener Coordinator gives great information about the winter blast and your plants: [Handling the Holiday Freeze in Your Lawn & Landscape \(tennessee.edu\)](https://www.tennessee.edu/handling-the-holiday-freeze-in-your-lawn-landscape/).

Many clubs don't meet in January but attached are a few activities and information about the TFGC State Convention to be held in Murfreesboro, April 5th, and 6th. President Elect Denise Thorne has been very busy planning this event. I hope that many in DIV will attend. And don't forget about the Flower Show, "The President's Report." Information was sent to club presidents. If you didn't receive this, just contact me. More information is on the website: [TFGC Convention 2023 \(tngardenclubs.org\)](https://www.tngardenclubs.org/tfgc-convention-2023)

Mark your calendars for the Spring District Membership Meeting at Fox Den Country Club on March 24th. The call letter will be sent next month. Hope to see you there.

Spring is only 57 days away. Hang in there.

In federation love,
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

Happy New Year District IV



This year **West Hills Ten O'Clock Gardeners** Christmas brunch brought together many old members, some the original garden club members.

Seated in the front row are the nonagenarians and longtime members when membership was restricted to West Hills residents only.

From left to right, June Zachary (96), Carol Stricklin (92), Betty Patton (93), Illy Wood (93), Madrha Wright (97) and Ruth McDonald (90).

Standing, Connie Silvey, Kay Bone (West Hills resident), Winifred Silvers, Chris Kirkland, Lori Emery, Susan Yanno, Kathy Hill, Judy Fenton, Barbara Owens (West Hills resident).



For over 30 years **West Hills Ten O'Clock Gardeners** have sponsored the West Hills Beautification Council . From April to September the members judge, photograph and place yard signs in winners of "Yard of the Month," " Autumn Award ", and " Holiday Mailboxes" in West Hills Neighborhoods.

Each household that wins receives a photo of their yard or mailbox and a certificate of congratulations. The winning names appears in the West Hills Homeowners Association newsletter.

They also decorate the six entrance signs into West Hills' Subdivision.

For the last five years **West Hills Ten O'Clock Gardeners** have sent blank Christmas cards to the Morgan County Correctional Complex Prison so that the prisoners could send a Christmas message to their families. We averaged about 300 cards but in 2022 we invited other garden clubs, church, friends, and neighbors to join us and were able to send 1533 cards! We received a lovely thank you letter from Chaplain Beth Bartlett appreciating our generosity. According to her letter, the inmates appreciated them so much and all wished us and our families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Looks like we found a project we can all join for coming years.

Submitted by Illy Wood



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The **Lakemoor Hills Garden Club** has had a very busy fourth quarter of 2022. In addition to the resumption of our monthly meetings after a summer hiatus, we have been engaged in fundraising activities, both on our own behalf and to benefit civic organizations. We supported the East Tennessee Childrens' Hospital "Fantasy of Trees" event by designing, decorating, and selling a tree, and made a substantial donation towards the repaving of a community walking path. Our production of holiday greenery for mailbox toppers serves both to beautify the neighborhood and raise funds. We donated toppers to the Racheff Greens Tea and contribute to Racheff as well as other public gardens in Knoxville, and to Dogwood Arts. We donated plants for sale at the fall Knox County Council of Garden Clubs plant sale at Marble Springs. Our club has a fall social which includes hosting members, their "significant others", and selected non-members. We also have a Christmas party potluck luncheon which includes a "dirty Santa" gift exchange. These activities and events have garnered exceptional participation and enthusiasm. Information about our garden club is publicly posted at www.lakemoor.org.



Lakemoor Hills Garden Club members share laughs at the "dirty Santa" gift exchange following a potluck luncheon.



Our fall social was a garden party on a chilly mid-October evening. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres were served, as well as S'mores.

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Left: The part of the design group who did the final decorations gather around our gardening-themed Christmas tree at “Fantasy of Trees”. Left to right are Kara Hudgens, Linda Haynes, Fran Thomforde, Ann Graf and Jean Bonarek. **Right:** The mailbox toppers working group gathers behind the display fence to celebrate their products. Left to right are Sandy Barnes, John Bradley, Tanya Copeland, Randy Kerns, Cindy McLaughlin, Jean Bonarek, Sharon Gerkin, Ann Graf and Gina Bond.



After a wonderful holiday and end to the year 2022, **Tuckaleechee Garden Club**, Townsend, TN, met for their annual “Chat & Chew” luncheon at the Apple Valley Cafe in Townsend, to reconnect and kick-off the new year. Over lunch and socializing, members discussed topics and speakers for club programs, the hostess schedule for the year, and suggestions for a new slate of officers.

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Congratulations to all the garden clubs receiving the 2023 National Garden Clubs, Inc. PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants. Click below to view all the recipients:
<https://gardenclub.org/plant-america-community-project-grants>



The National Garden Clubs, Inc. & President Mary Warshauer are pleased to announce the 2023 recipients of the PLANT AMERICA Community Project grants. More than 140 applications were reviewed by the PLANT AMERICA Committee. Since its inception in 2017, more than 300 grants have been awarded to NGC member clubs to beautify their communities.






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

9:00 AM Thu Jan 19

https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/2023-plant-america-grant-recipients_1.pdf

New Bern Garden Club	Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
Transylvania Garden Club	Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
Lebanon Town and Country Garden Club	Garden Club of Ohio, Inc
Penn-Cumberland Garden Club	Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
Pucketos Garden Club	Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
Tuckaleechee Garden Club	Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Lexington Garden Club	Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Town and Country Garden Club/Roanoke Garden Club	Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Cowen Garden Club	West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.
East River Mountain Garden Club	West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

2023 TFGC STATE CONVENTION - MURFREESBORO, TN

2023 TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC. CONVENTION April 5-6-7, 2023

"This Green Earth Needs You"

Hosted by TFGC District II Garden Clubs

Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville SE Murfreesboro
1200 Conference Center Blvd Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Last Name First Name
 Address City State
 Zip Phone E-Mail
 District

Do you prefer a call or email confirmation? (Please Circle Option) Call Email

Credentials - Please Circle all that apply

- NGC President NGC Board Member TFGC Life Member NGC Life Member
 TFGC Board Member DS Region Life Member Club President TFGC President
 Delegate DS Region Board Member Deep South Region Dir. District Director
 Guest/ Spouse Alternate Garden Club Member Landscape Design Consultant
 Flower Show Judge Gardening Consultant Environmental Consultant

Package Plans

Full-Time Package Plan: \$262.00
 Includes Registration Fee, Goodie bag, 2 Luncheons, 2 Banquets, 5 workshops, 1 Trip with Refreshments, 2 Receptions, Flower Show and Buffet Luncheon on Friday.
 Postmarked After March 5, 2023, add \$20.00 late fee

Meals Below Meals are Included in Full-Time Package Plan

- Wednesday, April 5, Luncheon, \$34.00
 Wednesday, April 5, Dinner, \$47.00
 Thursday, April 6, Luncheon, \$34.00
 Thursday, April 6, Awards, and Installation Dinner \$47.00
 All Meals include Entree, Sides, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Part-Time Package Plan:
 Circle Meal Attending and Add \$25.00 for each Meal for Registration Fee

Mail Checks and Payable to - "TFGC 2023 Convention"
 Karen Dawson
 2499 Sugar Platt Road
 Lebanon, TN 37087

You must be registered to attend membership meetings, trips and workshops

PLEASE CIRCLE ALL EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Wednesday Afternoon Workshops

- Bees
- Trees

Thursday Afternoon Workshops

- Flower Show Designs 101
- Horticulture Hydrangeas

Trip to Oaklands Mansion and Garden Tour
 (Rain Could Cancel)
Transportation not included

Friday

Post-Convention Buffet Breakfast 2023-2025 Board Meeting

Self-Guided Wildflower Walk at Cedars of Lebanon State Park

Noon Luncheon Watertown RSVP denise@tec63.com
 Soil Conservation and Soil Testing Workshop



Hotel reservations must be made directly to **Embassy Suites 615-890-4464 Using Code TFGC 2023**

\$169.00 plus tax per night

Hotel includes breakfast and 5:30-7:00 free drinks/ snacks.

Below click on the link for the luncheon invitation. Hope to see you all at the convention.

<https://vimeo.com/788284644>



Early Bird Convention Registration by February 15, 2023, enters you to win a drawing for 2 tickets to P. Allen Smith's Moss Mountain Farm

Tickets donated by "Friends of TFGC"

Does not include transportation or lodging and must be redeemed in 2023. Contestant winner to choose available tour date.

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