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Greetings District IV,

As we come to the end of this administration, I reflect back on these last two years. Where did they go? Time has passed so quickly. I have so many great memories to ponder on and hope you also do to. I hope to see many of you at the District meeting on March 24th at Fox Den Country Club. This time we will not have a silent auction, and, your table arrangement proceeds will go back to your club. Ways and Means Co-Chair LaQuita Misner will have garden planners for you to peruse. So come on out and see your friends from across the district. The deadline to register is March 16th.

I want to thank the clubs for continuing their activities following the pandemic. It was great to see flower shows, gardens developed and unique presentations once again. Thank you for inviting new members to your club. With your efforts, the district has grown in membership. Your President's reports reflected many great projects and activities and I know our communities are better for that.

The new Newsletter editor will be Allison Pearson. Next months articles should be sent to her: awp1@msstate.edu.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you District IV.

In federation love,

Wanda Taylor

District IV Director 2021-2023

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

The District IV Executive Committee



The District IV Executive Committee met to plan the upcoming Spring Membership Meeting for March 24th. This will be the last meeting of this administration. Director Wanda Taylor presented gifts to “her” board as a token of appreciation. Pictured left to right: LaQuita Misner, Ways and Means Co-Chair; Linda Daniels, Assistant Treasurer; Janet Oaks, Chaplain; Janet Underwood, Ways and Means Co-Chair; Janie Bitner, DIV Vice-Director; Wanda Taylor DIV Director; Linda Ford, Fox Den Liaison; Carole Whited, Advisor; Connie Barker, Corresponding Secretary and Advisor; Charlotte Miller, Parliamentarian; Winifred Silvers, Recording Secretary and Kathleen-Boryla Payne, Treasurer. Not pictured: Cathy Donaldson, Advisor and Connie Wallace, Advisor. Thank these ladies for their service to our district.



Linda Daniels and Sharon Davis at the Dogwood House and Garden Show Arboretum at Racheff Events Booth

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Tennessee

" I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as a tree ... " - Joyce Kilmer

(An early favorite of mine as I learned to read. (cw))

The TFGC Trillium Consultants Council might want to select a certain "Forever Tree" – one that has a distinct look in every season, and a definite look as it is bare of leaves in the winter.

Environmental School certainly has the edge on every study for the non- invasive trees are precious in the wild and in the world's landscape.

We have Gardening Schools where trees also benefit our home, schools, churches, parks and other places all over our communities.

Then in Landscape Design School we learned trees lead the way in every landscape plan and in the teaching of why a certain tree will be the best for one place or another.

All of this to mention: the Winter Tree Walks are beginning to happen in our district, led by Master Gardeners or Professors of Landscaping, where you must learn to identify trees without the benefit of their leaves. You have to learn to recognize the trees by their growth habits, bark, color of bark, how tall it will grow, expected circumference, space needed, to name a few.

District IV of TFGC created a Level I Arboretum some years ago at our headquarters, and recently enlarged our Level II Arboretum which flourishes. Now there is a newly formed Arboretum at Racheff and an Events Committee. This is sparking new interest and encouraging new visitors to the gardens.

Plans are underway for special events free and open to the public to acquaint new visitors to the beautiful gardens, and interest others in ways that will benefit Ivan Racheff House & Garden.

Perhaps we could have a spring tree walk, fall tree walk, winter tree walk and The longest Day of the Year tree walk, encouraging families and new friends to gather with us.

**Carole Whited,
Chair, TFGC Landscape Design School
and Member of TCC (Trillium Consultants Council)**

NEWSCAPE



Article written for the Landscape Design Schools and Councils Spring issue of Newscape by District IV's Consultant Carole Whited.

Kathy Treffert and Wanda Taylor at DIV Booth



Sharon Davis and Connie Barker displaying flowerpots.



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Tuckaleechee Garden Club - February Meeting and Events

The February Meeting of the Tuckaleechee Garden Club, led by President Janie Bitner, celebrated an early spring with beautiful horticulture exhibits, floral design, and an inspirational education program, "The Birds and the Bees: Eco Gardening in East TN." Louminda Torbett, Blount County Master Gardener and new member of Tuckaleechee Garden Club, delivered a powerful program on the importance of understanding the relationships among plants, birds, and pollinators, and the life cycle interdependencies. Sharlee Hatten, Blount County Master Gardener provided Master Gardener publications and advice.

Louminda's educational talk explored how our plants - especially leaves and dead materials - serve as critical resources for insects, who in turn are the food for birds, as well as pollinators for our food and flowers. She included informative statistics:

- 80% of our flowers are pollinated by bees.
- 1/3 of our food depends on pollinators.
- a single pair of chickadees need 7,500 caterpillars to raise a clutch.
- oak trees are a source of food for 534 species of moths and butterflies.
- native maples are the host for 297 butterflies and moths.

She also highly recommended planting native species since they adapt better to our local conditions, provide food and shelter for wildlife and birds, and require less water or pesticides. Louminda concluded her presentation with an excellent list of additional resources:

Heather Holm, *Pollinators of Native Plants*
 Kim Eirman, *The Pollinator Victory Garden*
 Doug Tallamy, *Bringing Nature Home*
 Submitted by Allison Pearson

Doug Tallamy will be speaking in Gatlinburg at 7:00PM for Earth Day, April 22, 2023, to honor and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Discover Life in America. More information and ticket are available at <https://dlia.org/event/25years/>

Tuckaleechee GC President Janie Bitner -

District IV Members "manned" two booths at the Dogwood Arts House and Garden Show on February 10 - 12. The three-day event introduced many people to garden club information and events at the state headquarters – Ivan Racheff House and Gardens. Pictured below are Smoky Mountain Garden Club members Pat Landry and Kerry Robertson, also West Hills Ten O'clock Garden Club member Lori Emery. Not pictured were Kim Overman, Joan Helton, Cathy Waitinas, Ellen Yatteau and several other. Thanks ladies!



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"Members of **Shady Oaks Garden Club** have been very busy recently. In December club members attended the annual holiday potluck luncheon at the Administrative Offices of the Salvation Army, with whom the club has a long-term relationship. SOGC and several local grocery stores partner with the Salvation Army to participate in the Flowers of Hope program. Local grocery stores donate out of date flowers which are picked up by the Salvation Army staff and delivered to their Administrative Building where SOGC members arrange the flowers in vases donated by club members. Several floral designs are then left at the Salvation Army for use in their offices, cafeteria and dorm areas and others are delivered by SOGC members to local nursing homes, libraries, and Community Centers. At this meeting we reported that SOGC members contributed 290 vases, made 647 flower arrangements, and completed 364 deliveries for Flowers of Hope.

Several members travelled to Knoxville in December to attend the Racheff Tea and provided several designs and baked goods for this fundraiser. Meanwhile, our SOGC treasurer, Natalie Olsen, received notification that she had completed all of the requirements to become a NGC Accredited Flower Show Judge.

In January, Lev Yampolsky, a professor from ETSU, was our featured speaker and his very interesting power point presentation addressed the relevant topic of climate change. The lovely home of member, Mickey Grossman, was the setting of our February meeting. Our speaker, Betts Leach, an employee of a local nursery, presented a very interesting program about the use of perennials in our gardens. An extensive display of fantastic Botanical Arts jewelry was created by SOGC members for the meeting.

The Flower Show Committee announced the dates, August 9-11, as the dates for our upcoming biennial flower show. The show will be staged at member, Nancy Fischman's, art gallery/studio. Committees are already busy working and planning. In mid-February, several members also participated in a local Seed Swap held at a local Community Center.

Since November, SOGC has welcomed new members: Michelle Hejny, Janet Brown, Judy Culotta, Deanna Beauchamps and Rod Houghton. We are delighted to have these new members who are already making fantastic contributions to our club.

Contributed by Katya Kaverina

Several members attending the February meeting at the home of Mickey Grossman.



Cole Hendrix, pictured right, introduces our Feb. Speaker, Betts Leach, on left



Janette Berry models a necklace from the botanical arts display.



Flowers of Hope by Galina, Mickey, Sara, Deanna and Rhoda who completed 30 beautiful bouquets.



The Dixie Highway Garden Club program was on February 9 at the Saddle Ridge Clubhouse in FARRAGUT. Master Gardener Marsha Lehman with the UT Extension Service presented, "Freeze Damage - The Arctic Blast of Christmas 2022," which had the answers to our questions regarding the shrubs, trees, etc. on our properties that look dead. Marsha warned us all to do nothing to these plantings until mid to late spring. Give them a chance to recover or not before pruning. It was a timely presentation for our 25 club members present and five visitors. We celebrated Valentine's Day together with a delicious lunch prepared by our hostesses Judy James, Lisa Braunreuther and Linda Ford. Submitted by Linda Ford.

Seated L to R - Tricia Michaels, Donna Brown, President LaQuita Misner, Linda Pickle, Kay Stokely, Charlotte Brown, Ann Fritts, Kris Van Allen. Standing L to R - Janet Underwood, Connie Wallace, Ruth Ann Fowler, Catherine Bell, Kathy Lasater, Virginia Price, Beth Colwell, Victoria Deckard, Laura McElroy, Glenda Mabry, Amy Hinton, Linda Ford, Jennifer Williams, Becky Durrance, Lisa Braunreuther, Judy James, Rose Moseley.



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Hostesses Judy James, Linda Ford, and Lisa Braunreuther.
Master Gardener Marsha Lehman, UT Extension Services.

Member Connie Wallace participated in a Moss workshop at the Dogwood House & Garden Show



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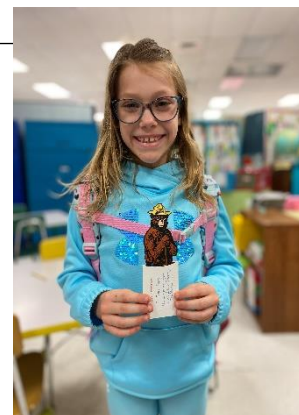
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From Jeanie Jackson and **Eastside Garden Club**,

Smokey the Bear project . In December I received an email from Rebecca Peppin a regional television news program leader in the Tri-Cities area asking me if I would sponsor the children wanting to engage in the Smokey the Bear Contest. It seemed her daughter in the 5th grade wanted to participate and she asked if our club could sponsor the grade entries. I went ahead and gave my permission to follow through. I received the contact information from the art teacher , Paula Sessis and we were off and running. I contacted our TFGC Smokey the Bear chair and she gave me the information needed and email connections for procedure. The deadline for entries was January 20th to send to the state Smokey the Bear chair.

In early January, Ms. Sessis contacted me and we met and she provided me with the art submitted by the student. The Holston Valley Elementary School had already researched the rules and regulations which are on the website. I prepared the artwork for final entry in filling out the required information and placing in a safe mailable package to send to TFGC chairman. I mailed the package and let the chairman know it was on its way. In engaging conversation with the Art teacher at the elementary she asked if we could do this for 2023 and I assured her we could. There are no garden clubs affiliated with NCG in Bristol and it is just an hour drive from my home so plans are to provide the paper and coloring tools for the students in the new school year starting in September compliments of the garden club. We had posters of value from the first, second and fifth grade. It was my job to package and send to correct person for grading. Some of the rules involved size of paper, use of traditional colors of apparel for Smokey and the theme adherence. Our club is on face book and Mrs. Peppin always does the news program and told me that their station in Greeneville would like to feature program on conservation and other projects in the area. By the way her daughter was hoping to enter the contest however did not meet the deadlines set by the school. She informed me her daughter learned a valuable lesson in time/date management. The TFGC leader told me that participating clubs provided a little gift to entry students to thank them for their participation to encourage more excitement for next poster contest. So I purchased some Chick-Fillet cards and a thank you to each student with Smokey the Bear book marker tucked inside. What a great deal to those kids who participated.

It is our club plan to see if we can start this in September of 2023 for the area schools in Greene County. Having had four teachers in my family from grade school to doctorate I have plenty of knowledge on setting this up and considering I was a boy scout master for five years also endeared children to learning processes. We live at the base of the Smokies and know how valuable and critical our forests are to our civilization. Before school ends this Spring I hope to contact all of the art teachers in the school to canvas their interest.



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Mountain Laurel Garden Club members have elected new officers for 2023-2024 and are looking forward to the coming year and the beginning of spring. Members enjoyed planting succulents in heart-shaped pots at the February meeting. Several members did some shrub trimming at Fairview School on one of our warmer days and a garden workday is planned for over spring break.

Submitted by Sandy Vandenburg who also shared pictures of her Cades Cove pictures.



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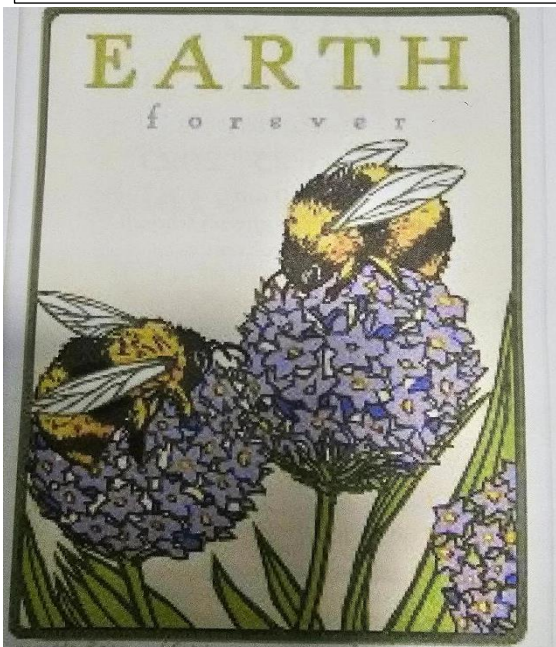
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On February 16, 2023 the **Lakemoor Hills Garden Club** was recognized by Keep Knoxville Beautiful with an Orchids award for its development of Lakemoor Legacy Park and Garden, which is a “pocket park” located on public land in Lakemoor Hills. Not counting the initial conceptualization, permissions and contracting, the park was developed over approximately 5 years and with the efforts of many citizens in the community, Knox County and privately-contracted workers. It continues to evolve under the oversight and management of the Lakemoor Hills Garden Club. Representatives of the Garden Club attended the awards dinner and accepted the award.



From left to right are Kathy Proctor, Dawn Thomas, John Bradley, Fran Thomforde, Linda Haynes and Suzan Bowman

Pictured are DIII Vice Director Ginger , DIII Director Diane Ryder, DIV Director Wanda Taylor and Vice Director Janie Bitner at the DIII Day of Gardening in Chattanooga.



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