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358 Clubs | 10 Youth Clubs/Groups | 10,316 Members | 21 Councils | 54 Affiliates
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President's Message



Carol Moore
TGC President (2015-2017)

Fall is in the air! That old September feeling... of summer passing, vacation nearly done, obligations gathering, football in the air, another fall, another turned page. It's my favorite time of the year, when garden clubs get back into the swing of things, cooler days – hopefully more rain – the time of the falling leaves has come again!

We certainly enjoyed the fall board meeting at Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. headquarters thanks to Chairman Marlene Gillman, Registration Chairman Linda Krimm, and all their committees. We were so pleasantly surprised with the renovations of the headquarters building – new carpet, pictures of former presidents hung, new lighting (thanks to Barbara Baker) and fresh paint. And thanks so much to Bobbie Mason, Veronica Wingen, Barbara Bateman, and their crew – plus those who donated money so that it was possible for all this work to be done.

I thoroughly enjoyed attending the schools that TGC offers: Gardening Study School in August and Landscape Design School in September. I am planning to attend the Environmental Studies School in late February. If you have ever considered taking the Flower Show Schools to become an Accredited NGC Judge, consider starting this spring with one of our two FSS I courses that are being offered. Check out the calendar in this issue for all the dates! I need to thank all who have served on the committees for these schools – you have done a tremendous job and we really appreciate all that you do. These schools afford TGC members great educational opportunities. The Districts will be having their fall conventions or meetings and president's reports will be handed out. Please look at the deadlines on these reports and brag about the projects and programs that your clubs accomplish.

Since Thanksgiving is just around the corner, we need to think about things for which we need to be thankful – I am thankful for the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot when I go to the Mall, because it means I am capable of walking and I have been blessed with transportation.

A few personal notes about President Moore: I enjoy spending time with my six grandchildren, two sons and two daughters-in-law; I am a member of Pine Tree Garden Club in Lufkin, Grapeland Garden Club, Pionette Garden Club (44 years) and am the president of Azalea Garden Club in Tyler. I enjoy collecting hippos and have a collection of about 150. I also enjoy football, music, and photography... when I have time! Happy Thanksgiving to all and Merry Christmas to all my dear friends.

Carol Moore

President's Travel Schedule - 2016

January 31 - February 3	Gardening Study School I & II	Houston, TX
February 22-23	Landscape Design School	College Station, TX
February 29, March 1-2.....	Environmental Studies School III.....	Old Fort Parker, Groesbeck, TX
April 8-9	SCR Convention.....	Bentonville, AR
April 17-20	TGC Spring Convention	Corpus Christi, TX
May 3-6	NGC Spring Convention	Grand Rapids, MI

National Garden Clubs, Inc.



Sandra H. Robinson
NGC President (2015-2017)
"Leap Into Action"

NGC, Inc., just hosted a fabulous trip to the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, from October 30-November 8, 2015. There was also an extension to Machu Picchu, Peru. The trip qualified as an Environmental Studies School Refresher. This amazing experience in the Galapagos was aboard the National Geographic Endeavour, a ship that has a commitment not only to showing travelers the wonder of the Galapagos archipelago up close in the form of Zodiac rides, kayaking, shallow and deep water snorkeling, and hiking, but also in its personal contribution to protecting the environment. NGC members saw all the expected awesome animals: blue footed boobies, red footed boobies, flightless cormorants, numerous finches, warblers, flamingoes, penguins, fur seals, sea lions, frigate birds, giant tortoises, marine and land iguanas, Sally Lightfoot crabs, Ghost crabs, and sharks. This ship processes all of its own fresh

water – 16,000 gallons a day from salt water, uses biodegradable laundry soaps, minimizes washing of linens and towels at guest direction, and recycles the wine and beer bottles for art pieces and glasses to be sold in its gift shop. The Ecuadorian government has made a huge commitment to protecting this very special place, and Lindblad/National Geographic have partnered to continue the preservation of the sea and islands.

South Central Region

The Northwest District Garden Clubs of the Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs is hosting the South Central Region Convention, "Arkansas – The Natural State" We're All Connected Naturally, April 8-9, 2016, in Bentonville, Arkansas, at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Special highlights will be a visit to Crystal Bridges, a museum founded by the Walton family housing art, the Compton Gardens, and a Regional Flower Show. The registration form is on Page 18. If you are interested in entering the flower show, "Color My World," the schedule is on the TGC Website, and you may contact Heather White, heathermwhitemd@aol.com, the FS Chairman. Only a few design entries remain open, but horticulture is wide open.

SCR Director Barbara Baker is continuing to promote protection of the Monarch Butterfly pathway. She is strongly encouraging education through all of our NGC Educational Schools as well as club programs. In one of her many responsibilities and passions in Garden Club, she recently provided Design Instruction at the San Antonio Flower Show Symposium October 25-27 on Mono-Botanic and Creative Abstract Designs.



Barbara Baker
SCR Director (2015-2017)

Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners

by Peggy Moreland

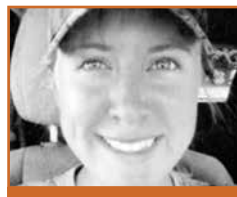
Brent Davis Neal attends Stephen F. Austin University, Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Forestry with emphasis in Wildlife Management and will graduate in May 2016. Brent's hometown is New Caney. He would like to be a forester or wildlife biologist because of his interest in preservation of forests and their ecosystems. He is the recipient of the INA BRUNDRETT SCHOLARSHIP for \$3000.



Yvonne Salisbury Hokanson attends Texas Tech University. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture and Turfgrass with special interest in plant and soil sciences. She will graduate in May 2016. Yvonne grew up in Amarillo, but is now living in Lampasas. After graduation she wants to manage a commercial orchard. Yvonne is the recipient of the FRANCIS ELLIS SCHOLARSHIP for \$2000.



Megan Hatcher attends Texas Tech University; she plans to graduate in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and a minor in Horticulture. Megan's hometown is New Braunfels. After graduation she plans to work with a licensed landscape architect, then in two years she can take the licensing exam and become a Licensed Landscape Architect herself. Megan is the recipient of the LUCY HENDY SCHOLARSHIP for \$1500.



Laramie Sheye Naumann attends Texas A&M University and is a senior pursuing a Bachelor in Agricultural Science – Teaching Option. She will graduate in May 2016. After graduation, she plans to be an agricultural teacher or county agent. Laramie is from Brenham. As a Agriculture Science teacher, she hopes to teach the importance of agriculture, and hopes to influence students to be future leaders in the agriculture industry. Laramie is the recipient of the BEA DOOLEY SCHOLARSHIP for \$1000.



Bee Friendly Herbs: Monarda (bee balm or bergamot), Sweet Clover, Anise Hyssop, Lemon Balm, Catmint, Sage, Rosemary, Echinacea, Lavender, Mint (Spearmint, Peppermint), Oregano, Borage, Basil, Chives, Thyme (source *Sunset* magazine, 2015).

The Lone Star Gardener Circulation

If your **name**, **address**, or **email** changes, please notify Office Manager Bert Pool at headquarters in Fort Worth at 817-332-6602, tgcoffice@aol.com. If you want to help conserve paper and reduce expenses for TGC, Inc., consider changing to email

delivery as this substantially reduces the cost to produce and distribute the magazine. The office does not give out emails to any third parties – only to those affiliated with NGC, SCR, TGC, and local garden clubs.

SEEDS FOR LIFE...Grow a better world through gardening!

Tiny vegetable or flower seeds may become an immense ray of hope for families around the world. Through the efforts of TGC's Seeds for Life which was initiated in 2004, garden club members can leap into action and give a family vegetable, fruit or flower seeds to grow a garden. They not only help feed a family, but promote good nutrition, teach kids how to grow their own food, and beautify their environment.



Seeds have been sent to Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa, Central and South America, and monetary donations have gone to International Affiliate GCs and to organizations to purchase seeds as a world gardening project. Continuing programs have been promoted to provide education on planting, ecology, and harvesting. Due to international regulations, it is difficult to mail seeds abroad and monetary donations are preferred.



Children in Peru hold seed packets.

Monetary donations can be made to HQ, (address and contact information on page 2) with SEEDS FOR LIFE in the memo line, and unopened seed packets less than 3 years beyond expiration may be mailed to the Seeds for Life Chair, Johanna Roman (include number of seed packets, name of GC, District, and Name/Address of Sender). For more information or an application form for International and US projects, contact Johanna Roman, johannadr@hotmail.com.

TGC Life Memberships

by Lee Taylor, Life Member Chairman

Thanks to all members who have purchased Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Life Memberships. We presently have a total of 1267 Life Members.

Life Membership is \$100, with your check made payable to Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Please take the time to honor someone who is very special to you and who has worked hard for our organization with a Life Membership. One half of the TGC Life Membership fee benefits the Endowment Fund and the balance benefits the General Fund. Life Members will receive a membership card, a certificate in a presentation folder and *The Lone Star Gardener* magazine for life. There is also a Life Member pin available at a cost of \$10.

South Central Region has a Life Membership available for \$50 and National Garden Clubs has a Life Membership for \$200. I have all forms available. Give me a call 830-741-2289, or email me at hainiac@swbell.net and I will get the necessary forms to you. Again, thank you all for your support in making Life Memberships such a successful endeavor.



In honor of our three new
— very deserving —
District VII Life Members

Virginia Stevens
EdWinnie McWhirter
Elsie Rothe

from the Hondo Garden Club

Water Use Questions? Contact www.epa.gov/watersense for information on water tips. Did you know the highest user for indoors in toilets (26.7%)! -- followed by laundry (21.7%), showers (16.8%), faucets (15.7%), leaks (13.7%), baths (1.8%), dishwasher (1.4%), and other (2.2%).

The 2015 Fall Board Meeting at TGC Headquarters

The 87th meeting of the TGC, Inc. Board of Directors was held on September 30, 2015, in Ft. Worth, at our state HQ building. The building has been extensively renovated inside and out due to the hard work of the Board of Trustees, as well as tremendous upgrades in the plantings and grounds thanks to the Landscape/Wildscape/Pocket Gardens Committee under Veronica Wingen. Pre-board meeting activities included a dinner at Blue Mesa with a Trustees meeting following and accommodations at the Courtyard Fort Worth University Drive. Following a breakfast buffet, Finance, Nominating, and Scholarship Committees met to conduct business, as well as the District Directors. The Executive Board met at 10 and managed to conclude their business before lunch.

During a working lunch of soups/salads/sandwiches, the BOD met and hammered out a fairly heavy schedule, winding up the day in the mid-afternoon. Throughout the morning and after the BOD meeting, tours of the HQ grounds were available. Special thanks to Chairman Marlene Gillman, and co-chairmen, Linda Krimm and Bobbie Mason, who helped to orchestrate all the events. In this issue you will find recommendations from the BOD – however, they will all need to be voted on by the General Assembly at the TGC Spring Convention in Corpus Christi (see page 8).



This floral arrangement was donated by the Ikebana Floral Society of Fort Worth for the meeting. It was sent to Renee Blaschke, former TGC President and current TGC Parliamentarian, who is recovering from a recent hip fracture and hospitalization -- we all wish her a speedy recovery. Photo by Bobbie Mason.

2015 TGC Youth Awards Manual -- Update

by Shirley Haley, VP Youth Awards

Page 22, NGC High School Essay Contest:
Scale of Points

Content: 65 Points; The first three no changes, take off conformance to length, originality change to 15 points

Composition: 25 Points; Vocabulary change to 15 points, change conformance to length to 10 points

Manuscript: 10 Points (no changes)

Total Points 100

Important Reminder

...for Club/Council Treasurers

Pay your club dues in to headquarters by May 1, 2016. Clubs must be current on dues to be eligible for awards.

TGC Butterfly Gardening Chairman Charlotte Weiss and TGC President Carol Moore with monarch butterfly life cycle handouts and seeds for butterflies at a recent District V Fall Meeting in Temple on October 29. Members of TGC are being encouraged to plant and provide habitat for the National Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, and support the SCR Project Protecting the Migratory Pathway of the Monarchs.

Photo by Jane Cohen.



Board of Directors **Final Recommendations**

From the 2015 TGC Fall Board Meeting*

(Condensed for LSG)

***Recommendations will be Presented to General Assembly for Action at the 2016 TGC Spring Convention in Corpus Christi.**

#1 ADOPTED: To accept with gratitude \$500.00 from District III for Building Maintenance; \$650.00 from Designers and Diggers GC of District X for multiple endowments; \$300.00 from Lufkin Garden Council; \$500.00 from Shades of Green GC of District X for Building Maintenance; \$1,525.00 from Sarah McReynolds money donated in her honor for carpet replacement in auditorium; \$1,594.00 revenue from the Spring 2015 Convention.

#2 ADOPTED: Change in Trustees Manual, Part II, Section IIA6, and Employees Manual, Part Two-Office Supplies as to "Three Bids".

- a. The work to be performed can be done by the same vendor/company that performer similar work within the past 12 months.
- b. The previous work completely met/exceeded expectations.
- c. Approval granted by Chairman of Trustees and President TGC.

#3 ADOPTED: Christmas gifts not to exceed \$75.00 each be bought for the two headquarters employees; to be purchased from President's Fund.

#4 ADOPTED: Ways and Means Chairman authorized to purchase TGC flags for sale at Spring Convention.

#5 ADOPTED: All investments reflect Texas Garden Clubs, Inc as the "Owner" and that all correspondence be sent to Headquarters, TGC.

#6 ADOPTED: Office Manager be authorized to establish a contact plan with Constant Contact to accommodate regular office and LSG mailings.

#7 ADOPTED; TGC dues increase by \$1.00 per member, for a total of \$8.00 effective June 1, 2017.

#8 ADOPTED: TGC apply for new "Square" account.

#9 ADOPTED: Former President, Sarah McReynolds' name be removed from the Chase account debit card.

#10 ADOPTED: Scholarship Committee authorized to award \$7500 in scholarships in 2015. Names to be announced (see page 5).

#11 ACCEPTED: With regret the resignations of Janie Vance as District IV Director, Carol Looney as District VIII Trustee, and AJ Adlong as Civic Achievement Chairman.

#12 RATIFIED: Appointments of Ceci Matthews, Chm. Water Conservation, Renee Blaschke, TGC Flower Show Judges Council President, Elizabeth O'Brian, Chm. Green & Bronze Scrapbooks, Linda Jean Brown, TGC Ways and Means Chm., and Lee Taylor Chm. Civic Achievement.

#13 RATIFIED: The following Clubs for TGC Membership: Flower Mound Garden Club, Mansfield Garden Club, Rio Grande Valley Garden Club, Houston Area Flower Show Judges, and Ozona Garden Club.

#14 RATIFIED: New Life Member #1267 – Michele Annette Wehrheim.

#15 RATIFIED: The following dates: Gardening Studies School – last week in January, 2016 Houston – Landscape Design School – February 22-23, 2016 College Station – Flower Show School I – New Series – March 29-31, 2016 Houston – Environmental Studies School – Last Week in February, 2016 – Old Fort Parker.

#16 ADOPTED: The Governor's Mansion Daffodil Fund be closed and residual funds be transferred to TGC HQ Maintenance of Grounds.

#17 ADOPTED: The TGC, Inc. amended budget be approved.

#18 ADOPTED: Revisions to Youth Awards Booklet

#19 ADOPTED: The formation of a TGC/ISL Joint International Committee.

#20 ADOPTED: Creation of face book page to inform members of TGC events.

#21 ADOPTED: Gardening Studies Series XV, Courses III and IV be moved to June 2016 and held over three days.

#22 ADOPTED: Gardening Studies Series XV, Course I and II to be held in Houston on January 31, February 1-3, 2016. Amending previously ratified dates for January.

Are We Ready for the Next Water Crisis?

by Sandra Hall

"Filthy water cannot be washed." – African Proverb

All indigenous people knew that "water is life." Migrating tribes always sought water first, because without it, settling was hopeless. Today, finding water is a top priority of space exploration because where there is water, there is hope for life.

But here on earth conserving water and quality of water are two of our greatest concerns. Water covers 71% of the earth's surface, but only 2.5% of it is fresh water, and only 1% is available for human use. Water is precious. Because the water cycle is a closed system for practical purposes, we have to live with what we are given. It often comes in one of two ways, deluge or drought. We are just coming off a five-year drought. We know it will come again. How do we prepare?

Communities need to maintain water infrastructure and improve water treatment. Losses in city water systems average about 16%. And we can save water at home. A leaky faucet can waste 100 gallons a day. Inside, showering and bathing use the most water, but outside, water for lawns and gardens often exceeds all inside uses.

Fixing our leaks, growing only plants that adapt to the local climate, and watering only when needed can make a big difference in consumption. And reuse water. If it is not contaminated, pour it on plants. Then as citizens, oppose commercial practices that pollute the water on which both we and wildlife depend.



Linda Jean Brown, TGC Ways & Means Chairman and Arbor Day Chairman, a member of the Dogwood Garden Club of Palestine and Grapeland Garden Club of Grapeland, District III, was awarded Best of Division in Horticulture at the East Texas State Fair held in Tyler, TX.

Collecting rainwater is a wonderful conservation effort, and most houseplants and tropical indoor plants benefit from the lower chemical content of rainwater. But, don't leave it standing outside uncovered as it can be a magnet for mosquitoes. And add mosquito dunks to prevent larvae from multiplying - the dunks don't affect the quality of the water.

TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

88th Annual Spring Convention

Holiday Inn Downtown Marina
707 North Shoreline Boulevard
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Call the Holiday Inn Downtown Marina directly to make hotel reservations.

Mention Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. for quoted rate.

Holiday Inn Downtown Marina is located at 707 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, TX 78401.

There is a Holiday Inn shuttle every half hour from the airport to the hotel.

Please call 361-882-1700 to make your reservation since a limited number of rooms has been reserved at the convention discount rate. Single/Double \$129.00 per night.

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE – March 27, 2016

Day 1 – SUNDAY, APRIL 17

1:00-5:00	Convention Registration	2:00	Board buses to Texas State Aquarium
1:00-3:15	Trustees Meeting	4:30	Board buses back to Holiday Inn
3:30-6:00	Finance Meeting	6:00	Cash Bar Honoring SCR Director Barbara Baker
	Dinner on your own	7:00-9:30	Judges Council Dinner – Design Program

Day 2 - MONDAY, APRIL 18

7:00-8:30	Breakfast on your own
9:00-12:00	Convention Registration
9:00-11:30	Executive Committee
12:00	Lunch Dr. Susan Shavor-Natl Park Svc Kemp Ridley Turtles
1:15-3:15	Board of Directors
3:15-4:15	"Frog Parking Only - Others Will Be Toad " Janet Nevil
4:15-5:15	"Recycling at its Best " Sarah McReynolds & Heather White
6:00	Cash Bar Honoring TGC President Carol Moore
7:00-9:30	Dinner Dr. Michael Womack, Director Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens

Day 4 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

7:00-8:30	Breakfast Environmental Consultants – Sandra Hall "Dear Children of the Earth"
9:15-11:30	Reconvene General Session
12:00	Lunch Youth Awards
2:00	Board Buses for Arbor Day Ceremonies
3:30	Board Buses back to Holiday Inn
4:00-5:00	"Pro's and Con's of Genetically Modified Organisms" Huxley Smith
6:00	Cash Bar Honoring Sarah McReynolds
7:00-9:30	Dinner Honoring Sarah McReynolds Garden Club Member of the Year Presentation of Club Awards Dana Serafine

Day 3 - TUESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00-8:30	Breakfast Landscape Design Consultants Grant Ehlen "Trees in the City - The Peril beyond the Beauty"
8:00-12:00	Convention Registration
9:15-11:30	General Session
12:00	Lunch Dr. Tom Schmid, Director, Texas State Aquarium

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Have a safe trip home!

TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

88TH Annual Spring Convention

April 17 -20, 2016

Corpus Christi, Texas

Hosted by District VII

NAME ON BADGE (Please Print) _____

ADDRESS _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

CREDENTIALS

- TGC President SCR Chairman District Director Club Member Landscape Design Con
- Fmr TGC President State Chairman Council President Guest Speaker Texas Design Con
- Fmr NGC President State Officer Club President 1st Time Attendee NGC Life Member
- NGC Chairman Affiliate Pres Club Delegate Gardening Study Con SCR Life Member
- SCR Director Affiliate Member Club Alternate Environmental Con TGC Life Member
- Fmr SCR Director Trustee Judge: Student Accredited Master Life Emeritus

Please select and fill in amount for each event you plan to attend

Registration Fee: (\$20.00 for one day/\$30.00 for 2 or more days) \$ _____

MONDAY, APRIL 18

- Breakfast (on your own)
- Lunch – Dr. Susan Shavor, National Parks Service \$24.00 \$ _____
- Dinner – Dr. Michael Womack, Director, CC Botanical Gardens \$37.00 \$ _____

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

- Breakfast – Landscape Design Consultants \$21.00 \$ _____
- Program: Grant Ehlen “Trees in the City-The Peril beyond the Beauty”
- Lunch – Dr. Tom Schmid, Director, Texas State Aquarium \$23.00 \$ _____
- Tour – Texas State Aquarium \$27.00 \$ _____
- Dinner – Judges Council Dinner and Program \$37.00 \$ _____

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

- Breakfast – Environmental Consultants \$21.00 \$ _____
- Program: Environmental Consultants - “Dear Children of the Earth”
- Lunch – Youth Awards \$23.00 \$ _____
- Tour – Arbor Day Ceremonies (Lexington Park) \$15.00 \$ _____
- Dinner - Member of the Year and Awards Ceremony \$37.00 \$ _____
- Total Enclosed \$ _____

***** PLEASE CIRCLE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS *** DIABETIC / GLUTEN FREE / VEGAN / VEGETARIAN *****

NOTE: Seafood will be served Monday and Wednesday evenings - circle here if you prefer chicken

Registration Deadline is April 6, 2016 (\$10 Late Registration Fee) No refunds after April 6th.

Make checks payable to **District VII 2016 TGC Spring Convention.**

Mail check and registration form to: Lee Taylor, 1155 28th Street, Hondo, TX 78861.

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE – MARCH 27TH FOR CONVENTION RATE

Tom Schmid, President and CEO of the Texas State Aquarium, was recruited to join the Texas State Aquarium's executive team in 1996, promoted to Chief Operating Officer in 1998 and Chief Executive Officer in 1999. Now he is overseeing a major transformation of the Aquarium, creating the Caribbean Journey with interactive immersive exhibits and a 4-D theater. He has served as Chairman of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Director of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce and the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau.

We will journey to the Aquarium for a fun filled afternoon exploring Dolphin Bay, Floating Phantoms, Stingray Lagoon, Otter Creek and many other exciting exhibits.

Dr. Michael Womack, Executive Director of South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, has guided this small non-profit staff since 2006. Under his guidance, the Botanical Gardens have opened a screened Butterfly House, Samuel Jones orchid Conservatory, Anderson Bromeliad Conservatory, Plumeria Garden with viewing ramp, wetlands boardwalk, and many more educational exhibits. Nueces County Extension Agent for 9 years and Nueces Master Gardener coordinator, Michael established the South Texas Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists.

Dr. Donna Shaver is Chief of the Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery at Padre Island National Seashore, with the US National Park Service. Dr. Shaver's specialty is in sea turtle research and conservation and is the foremost expert in the US on Kemp's ridley sea turtles. Known as the Turtle Lady, Donna oversees a program that strives to make the public aware of the Kemp's ridley sea turtle's plight. The organization provides educational programs for children at local schools, libraries, and museums all the way to Port Isabel.

Spouses may be interested in some of the many entertaining activities outside the convention schedule that are available both in Corpus Christi and the surrounding area.

The USS Lexington, Aransas Queen Casino, fishing at the T-Heads, Captain Clark's Flagship, Sharp Shooter indoor shooting range, Art Center of Corpus Christi, Maritime Museum in Rockport, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History, birding tours in Port Aransas, Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens, Texas Surf Museum, Padre Island beaches.

Join us as we "Catch the Wave" at the 88th Annual TGC Spring Convention in Corpus Christi!

"Catch the Wave"

**for all we have in store for you
as we introduce you to
our speakers**



Calendar 2016-2017

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National Events	<p>May 2-6, 2016 – NGC Annual Convention, Grand Rapids, MI</p> <p>March 5-13, 2016 – PHS Philadelphia Flower Show, PA Convention Center (For more information, visit THEFLOWERSHOW.COM)</p> <p>June 6-11, 2016 – National Garden Week</p> <p>September 21-24, 2016 – NGC Fall Board Meeting, Portland, ME</p>
SCR Events	<p>April 8-9, 2016, SCR Annual Convention, Bentonville, AR, Peggy Burns, Chairman</p>
State Events	<p>April 17-20, 2016 – 88th TGC Spring Convention, Corpus Christi, Gwen DeWitt Chairman, Lee Taylor and Vanda Babich Co-Chairmen</p> <p>April 22-May 1, 2016 – Gardens of American History Tour (For more information, visit HTTPS://GATEWAY.GOCOLLETTE.COM/LINK/667430)</p> <p>October 18-20, 2016 – 88th TGC Fall Convention, El Paso, Kathy Cox, Chairman</p> <p>April 18-22, 2017 – 89th TGC Spring Convention, Odessa, Keith Moffett, Chairman</p>
Texas Design Seminar	<p>March 17-18, 2016 – College Station, Carol Russell, Registrar (limited to judges)</p>
Gardening Studies School I & II	<p>January 31-February 3, 2016 – White Oak Horticultural Center, Houston, Margaret Sinclair, Chairman</p>
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Landscape Design School IV	<p>February 22-23, 2016 – George Bush Library, College Station, Diane Perez, Chairman</p>
Flower Show Schools	<p>March 1-4, 2016 – Flower Show School I, Dallas, Peggy Consolver, Chairman</p> <p>March 29-31, 2016 – Flower Show School I, Houston, Bayland Community Center, Houston Area Flower Show Judges Council, Carla Gaut and Corrie Ten-Have, Co-Chairmen</p> <p>April 28, 2016 – Flower Show School Handbook Exam, Peggy Consolver, Chairman</p>
Flower Show Symposiums	<p>October 26-28, 2016 – Flower Show Symposium, Tyler</p>
Districts	<p>District II - March 29, 2016 – Spring Convention hosted by Alvarado Garden Club</p> <p>District III - March-15-16, 2016 – Spring Convention, Paris</p> <p>District IV - March 15-16, 2016 – Spring Convention, Beaumont Botanical Gardens, Beaumont, Bev Flosi, Chairman</p> <p>District VI - May 6, 2016 – Spring Convention, Harlingen, Vicki Moser and Nancy Johnson, Co-Chairmen</p> <p>District VII - March 23, 2016 – Spring Convention, San Antonio Garden Center</p> <p>District VIII - March 4-6, 2016 – Spring Convention, Ozona, Charlotte Harrell, Chairman</p> <p>District X - March 15, 2016 – Spring Convention, Terrell</p>

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ARBOR DAY at TGC Spring Convention 2015

TGC Arbor Day chair Linda Jean Brown coordinated a beautiful Arbor Day celebration at the Ina Brundrett Azalea Gardens at Tyler Junior College.

With the help of Mitch Andrews, Executive Director of Advancement and Alumni Engagement of Tyler Junior College, TGC, Inc. held the ceremony in the company of several TGC Presidents: former TGC President, Ina Brundrett, former TGC President Renee Blaschke, President Sarah McReynolds, and then President-Elect Carol Moore. Renee, Carol, Sarah, and Linda Jean were given "golden" shovels to use to plant a Crabapple tree. Placed beneath the planted tree is a black granite stone with the inscription, "Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., Arbor Day 2015." Many members from all over Texas were present and we were so honored to have Ina present. Sadly, shortly following the convention, Mrs.

Brundrett left this earth quietly and went to meet her Maker at the age of 91.

All clubs should consider Arbor Day celebrations because planting trees is important to earth ecology, gardens, horticulture, landscape design, and the beauty of our world. Plus, TGC and NGC offer awards for celebrations. The first Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska and was spearheaded by Julius Sterling Morton. He set an example by planting orchards, shade trees, and wind brakes on his own farm. A special day was set aside to commemorate this in Nebraska and, today, all 50 states. Arbor Day was recently changed to the first Friday in November in Texas to coincide with the best planting time for trees in order to minimize the effects of heat and drought on freshly planted root systems. Our late spring and summer seasons can really make tree survival hard!

Thinking of a gift for a friend? Check out the NGC Website member services which now has several new items including a brand new scarf, a charm bracelet with individual charms, and "The Frightened Frog" environmental book that is a great gift for the younger folks in your life. If you haven't visited the NGC Website (www.gardenclub.org), please do so.



Before

After

Using Grocery Store Flowers for Gorgeous Arrangements

Gateway Garden Club of Texarkana enjoyed a presentation by Elizabeth Loftin, Floral Designer and Supervisor at Albertson's, during the October meeting. Elizabeth shared florist tips for creating lovely centerpieces for the home. In addition to the flowers, fruits were a main focus of the arrangements. The end result of the arrangements Elizabeth demonstrated were stunning. The arrangements created during the presentation were given as door prizes at the conclusion of the program. Photos by Beth Pesek.

Youth Awards Change: As the Winter 2015 LSG was going to press, the Executive Board was advised by President Carol Moore of the resignation of Shirley Haley, VP Youth, from District III for personal reasons. Fortunately, District III has provided an excellent replacement, Linda Jean Brown, who will be accepting and handling the Youth Awards this winter and presenting them at the TGC Spring Convention in Corpus Christi. Anyone with questions regarding Youth Awards should contact Linda Jean Brown, ljbrown3264@windstream.net, 903-478-3264 or 903-724-2656. Congratulations to Linda Jean on her new position.

RECYCLING in Your Own Backyard

by Sandy Brent, Conservation Editor

In keeping with TGC President Carol Moore's theme of "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle," my home club, the Newton Garden Club, has the theme of "Go Green: Reuse, Renew, Recycle!" -- and this can be a way of life.

It's a small effort as an individual but it is one that can be embraced by all. One opportunity recently made available in our county is a mobile recycling bin stationed at several locations in the county on a rotating basis. This provides an option not available previously and is particularly great for the rural areas or in cities that do not have local recycling. If your area does not have a recycling program, consider approaching your city administration to at least recycle cans and cardboard to reduce the waste in landfills.

The Newton GC has found the website www.epa.gov extremely helpful to get inspired, enthused and renewed in their efforts to promote recycling. The site has suggestions on ways to reduce our imprint on earth, to

learn how reducing, reusing, and recycling can help you, your community, and the environment, by saving money, energy, and natural resources.

If you feel as a club there is more that you want to do, consider partnering with your local school district to present programs to school children about recycling, reusing, and reducing. This site will help you with ideas. Consider presenting information to teachers or parent/teacher organizations. Programs about conservation will give your club an opportunity to reach out to the community and share your love for this earth.

Pope Francis recently visited the USA and said, *"The relationship of mankind with nature must not be conducted with greed, manipulation and exploitation, but it must conserve the divine harmony that exists between creatures and Creation within the logic of respect and care, so it can be put to the service of our brothers, also of future generations."*



Annual River Clean-up

Kerrville Garden Club members were eager to help out at the Upper Guadalupe River Authority's annual River Clean-up on July 25, 2015. More than 400 volunteers participated in the event removing trash and debris from the river banks. A gathering at Kerrville's Flat Rock Park allowed volunteers to mingle, enjoy Kerrville Garden Club's refreshments and win prizes donated by event sponsors. The refreshment area was easy to



spot as many of the Garden Club "pink ladies" were showing off their new Kerrville Garden Club embroidered T-shirts. "This is a fine way of giving back to our community and of promoting the Garden Club's mission of environmental responsibility so that we may preserve, protect, and conserve the natural resources of this country and maintain and enhance the beauty of our lands," said Garden Club coordinator Jane Carbone. "And, it's a delightful way to spend a July morning down by the river!"

In Memorium

Green Thumb Garden Club of Uvalde

has lost three long time members:

Elvera Willey

Rosalie Sutherland

Sara Probasco

The contributions made by these valued women will be truly missed by our Club and our Community.

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Maude Lette

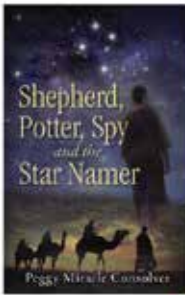
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- Founder and First President of West Brownsville Garden Club, 1946-49
- 69-Year Member of West Brownsville Garden Club, 1946-2015
- School Grounds Beautification Advocate beginning with West Brownsville (Russell) Elementary
- WBGC Publicity Chairman encouraging membership growth and community awareness
- Blue Ribbon Horticulture Winner
- TGC, Inc. Life Member awarded May 1, 2014
- Insurance Specialist and Entrepreneur, 1939-2015
- Brownsville Chapter Zonta International Woman of the Year, 2009
- Teacher/Elder of First Presbyterian and Faith Presbyterian Churches
- Devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend

*"...Well done, good and faithful servant..."
Matthew 25:23*

Create a Memory with GLADIOLUS

by Sherie Clarkson, Horticulture Editor

There are many things that can trigger a memory - the song your mother sang to you as a child or the smell of gingerbread cookies at Christmas. Plants can also trigger memories of past events. Sometimes known as old-fashioned or heirloom plants, these were usually grown in our grandparent's cottage gardens.

With the advance of more and more hybridized selections, these tried and true plants fell out of favor, not seen in most modern landscapes. However, recently these plants have come back into favor because of their beauty and durability. Not true antiques, many of these plants were early hybrids, which led to those we know today.

One of these that never fails to stir up memories is the summer-blooming bulbs of which gladiolus is probably the best known. A great cut flower, these were almost always used in elegant arrangements for weddings, whether for the altar or the grand center of attention on the buffet table. The original species or wild types are natives of South Africa. Preference is given to the modern gladiolus which has been raised by crossbreeding and selection throughout many years, originally between species or wild kinds, and later between the hybrids raised from them.

Gladiolus bloom in early summer, can grow up to five feet tall and usually need staking unless planted with tall ornamental grasses

or sturdy perennials to help keep them upright. Grown from corms, these plants will thrive in ordinary cultivated garden ground without special preparation, but it is worthwhile taking pains to make the soil as suitable as possible for their needs. If the ground is clay, mix in compost, thoroughly decayed manure, and sand. By planting the corms at intervals of ten days and two weeks from the time the trees begin to leaf in spring until about two months before the first killing frost is expected, a long succession of blooms are assured.



The early-flowering hybrid *Gladiolus nanus* may be planted outdoors in mild climates, where they are grown for cut flowers.

Once planted, care is minimum but the size of blooms is improved by the application of liquid fertilizer every ten days or so from the time the buds are seen until the flowers begin to open. It is worthwhile to plant a few rows of gladiolus in the vegetable garden or in a spare sunny border, solely for the purpose of providing a supply of flowers for cutting. Plant some of these old favorites and enjoy a summer display of colorful blooms and it may just bring back some happy memories.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to my garden club family who have expressed their concerns, thoughts and prayers for me during my recuperation.

You are loved!

Renee Blaschke

"When people will not weed their own minds, they are apt to be overrun by nettles." – Horace Walpole

"The master of the garden is the one who waters it, trims the branches, plants the seeds, and pulls the weeds. If you merely stroll through the garden, you are but an acolyte." – Vera Nazarian

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Luncheon and Program, April 9.....	\$20
Reception (Honoring NGC President, SCR Director and 4 State Presidents), April 9.....	NO CHARGE
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Please see the website at **AFGC-SCR2016.com** for hotel reservations and information,
program details, Flower Show Schedule, additional registration forms
and local points of interest.

Tips for Winter Bird Feeding

(Adapted from National Wildlife Federation Website) Winter is a tough season for some of our feathered friends. Birds in Texas struggle with huge temperature swings, ice storms, and in some places heavy snow fall. Consider the following to help the birds in your community and garden survive the season. Birds are important in spreading seeds, especially wildflowers, and eating pesky insects from our gardens, to say nothing of their beautiful songs.

Put out feeders with good size capacity — Provide nutritious winter seed foods. For most birds, this includes seed mixes of black oil sunflower seed, hulled peanuts, niger seed and white millet seed — Offer fatty food too. Birds need more calories in the winter so suet is a great product that is often available for purchase but consider also using peanut butter if you don't have suet available — Keep the feeders full — Be consistent and keep feeding through the winter — Remember to provide water. Birds must have both food and water to survive — Stamp down the snow below the feeder. If you get snow, ground-feeding birds will be able to gather up the seed that spreads — Hang feeders in cat-safe locations (and remember the squirrels!) - 10-12 feet is the recommended height — Remember that feeders should be cleaned to prevent growth of molds and bacteria — Save money and stock up on seed in bulk bags. Stored in a cool dry place, it can last months.

Kerrville Garden Club — 75th Anniversary

by Barbara Rives

Nestled around the banks of the Guadalupe River in the Texas Hill Country lies the vibrant community of Kerrville where the Kerrville Garden Club was established in January 1941.

The first meeting was held at "Shady Acres," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schott Schreiner and was sponsored by the Civic League. Mrs. Raymond Edwards, President of the Terrill Hills Garden Club of San Antonio, and Mrs. William Wolfe, also of San Antonio, were guest speakers and helped in organizing the club. Mrs. Josephine Schreiner became the first club president and the club has had 40 presidents since inception. In 1950 the club became federated with Texas District VIII, and in 1954 the club was transferred to Texas District VII.

The club has received various awards and recognitions over the years. The club received a silver loving cup award for establishing the most outstanding junior garden club in 1955, and national awards were received for the 1972 scrapbook and the Bicentennial Garden Show in 1975. Two Shell Petals Grants were received for projects at the Riverside Nature Center. Numerous

district and state awards have been earned throughout the years as well.

The honor of Texas Garden Club Woman of the Year was presented to club member Alice Davies during the "Garden Club Day at the Fair" at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas during October 1998. She was chosen for her community service and for years of dedicated work in all phases of garden club endeavors at the local district, state, regional, and national levels.

The club has hosted various district meetings, flower shows, and joint meetings with neighboring clubs. The club has helped to organize a couple of junior garden clubs, established a bird sanctuary, and has had a garden club radio program for some time. The club chairs a long standing annual holiday refurbishing workshop in which area garden clubs come together to help decorate the Kerrville State Hospital. Since 2009, the club has volunteered at the Annual Guadalupe River cleanup (see photo on page 15) by handing out drinks and snacks to workers cleaning up river litter. Congratulations to a club with a long history and many contributions to their community.

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by The Garden Club of Sealy

by *Diva Houlette*

The Garden Club of Sealy has established a Memorial Scholarship Fund to award Sealy area students in good standing who are attending or will be attending a Jr. College or University and are majoring in Agriculture, Horticulture, or Education.

The Garden Club of Sealy invites donations by local citizens or any Texas Garden Club Member to create more scholarship opportunities. The Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to pay tribute to a grantor's loved one (or family). By doing so, the grantor will honor the loved one's memory and at the same time help a deserving student who may not otherwise be able to attend college; or, as many students face, may not be able to continue because of financial hardships. This Memorial Scholarship would be offered to Jr. College or University students.

The recipients must meet eligibility requirements which include having a minimum GPA of 2.5, completing an application and submitting an essay as to why they should be selected for the award. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, contributions to

The Garden Club of Sealy for a memorial scholarship are tax-deductible. The Club's objectives include: stimulating an interest in home gardening, promoting the study of horticulture and agriculture, encouraging the conservation of natural resources, and engaging community spirit.

The first Garden Club of Sealy Memorial Scholarship will be the Don Lindsay Memorial Scholarship granted by the Club's members. Don was a long-time member of The Garden Club of Sealy and a member of the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association. He headed the beautification of the Levine Park gardens project for many years and died in late 2014.

Scholarship levels may be \$300 or greater. Anyone interested in funding a memorial scholarship in honor of a loved one may contact the Garden Club of Sealy at gardenclubofsealy@aol.com or call Diva Houlette at (713) 817-3472 for more information. Checks made payable to **The Garden Club of Sealy** may be mailed to The Garden Club of Sealy, P.O. Box 137, Sealy, TX, 77474.

Blue Star Memorial Markers

Blue Star Memorial Markers are placed to honor our veterans and were established through NGC with the first marker being placed in 1947 in Rhode Island. TGC has enthusiastically embraced Blue Star Memorial Markers and a new marker, sponsored by District II, was placed on November 11, 2015, at the Tarrant County Community College during a special Veterans Day Ceremony. TGC Blue Star Memorial Chairman Gail Wilson and Bobbie Mason attended the ceremony. Bottom right photo is the District X sponsored Blue Star Marker located at the Dallas Health South Veterans Hospital. District X placed the marker 6 years ago but continues ongoing maintenance days a few times a year. Additional information can be obtained from Gail Wilson, TGC Blue Star Marker Chairman, wetaba@swbell.net, or the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org. Photos by Veronica Wingen.



Gardening Study School Registration

February 1-3, 2016

We are proud to announce the 15th in our series of Gardening Study School. There are four courses to complete the NGC Gardening Consultant Certificate. Our format is to hold two courses at each class meeting. **Attendees can take one or both of the courses.** These courses are fun, open to anyone and designed to make you a better gardener. We are approved for CEU's for the Dallas County Master Gardening Program.

Course I includes basic botany, soils, techniques for growing outdoor flowers, plant propagation, a propagation workshop, and a supplemental subject. Course II includes plant diseases and garden, irrigation and water lawn, alternatives and growing grass, growing fruit, growing vegetables, and a supplemental subject.

There are 10 hours of class with 3 twenty-question multiple choice tests for each course. The courses can be taken individually or in combination. The entire two courses run from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Garden Club: _____ Dallas Master Gardener: _____

Other Affiliations: _____

Please indicate last course (I, II, III, IV), date, and location: _____

To qualify for a NGC Gardening Consultant Certificate, you must be a NGC Garden Club Member: Y N

I want to take Course I, Monday through Tuesday afternoon Fee: \$125.00

I want to take Course II, Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon. Fee: \$125.00

Total Submitted \$ _____

Make check payable to **TGC Gardening Study School** and mail both form and check to
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Class is limited to 35 persons. Last minute cancellations will receive a refund, less a \$25 service fee or may transfer the fee to a future school. If you have any questions, please call Margaret Sinclair at (832) 722-5517 or email her at margaret@margaretsinclair.com.

This registration form is available online at texasgardenclubs.org/education/gardeningstudyschools/forms.

Hotel accommodations have been arranged at the Hilton Garden Inn, 14919 Northwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77040 (713) 896-6700 / Fax: 1-713-896-6701, www.NorthwestHilton.com. A rate of \$142 per night including a full breakfast, hot and cold has been negotiated. This hotel is 5.5 miles from White Oak Conference Center and you do NOT have to use 290!

We will begin Sunday night, January 31, with an optional reception for attendees only and class begins promptly at 8:30 am on Monday, February 1. Lunch is ordered in and is less than \$10/person depending on what you order and we keep a full complement of snacks and drinks available all day.

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From Your Headquarters

We gratefully accept your contributions received from May 30th., Through October 31, 2015.

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Frogs Versus Toads

All toads are frogs, but not all frogs
are toads. Toads are a subset of frogs.

Toads generally have dry and pebbly
skin, prefer life on land, lay their eggs in
long chains, and have short forelimbs
and hop or walk. Frogs have moist and
smooth skin, like water, lay their eggs in
clusters, have slim bodies and long legs,
with a lot of jumping to get around.

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