



## TGC Keeping in Touch

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### TGC President's Letter to Club Presidents

**May Flowers** - As many clubs finish this year, please express my appreciation to your members for their participation in Garden Club (GC) service, attendance at meetings, community projects. You've made a difference in our world through education. Enjoy new friendships.

As you plan for the upcoming year, be like the dragonfly's eyes and see unlimited opportunities that your GC has and what your club can do to help improve our world.

Sarah McReynolds  
2013-2015 Texas Garden Club President  
"Changing Our World Through Education & Friendships"



**New Members** - Keep new members interested and involved. Over the summer, evaluate your orientation and training for members and add them to committees. Have a welcome letter with expectations. Survey member's interests, skills, goals. Good planning leads to a good year.

**Dragonfly** - The eyes of the dragonfly are one of the most amazing and awe inspiring sights. Given almost 80% of the insect's brain power is dedicated to its sight and the fact that it can see in all 360 degrees around it, it could symbolize the uninhibited vision of the mind and the ability to see beyond the limitations of the human self.



The opening of one's eyes - see beyond the mundane into the vastness that is really our universe and our own minds. Make your GC plans for an outstanding year of education and fun.

**Gardening Study School (GSS)** - Course I had 12 attend. Course II is Aug 11-12 in Houston on garden diseases and pests, container gardening, growing vegetables, new plants and lawns and/or lawn alternatives. Johanna Taylor is TGC GSS Chair. Local Chair is Margaret Sinclair. This outstanding, fun school adds to your knowledge of gardening.

**National Garden Club Week** - June 1-7, the first full week of June. Partner with other civic organizations or community volunteers to beautify libraries, schools, public places. Notify local media! Good works such as these attract new members.

**National Projects** - As your club plans next year's programs and projects, view the national projects for ideas that you can incorporate into your year. "Garden Clubs are making a world of difference" says NGC President Linda Nelson. We share "a hug a day, the garden club way", and we make a world of difference because we care. Check projects out: [gardenclub.org/projects](http://gardenclub.org/projects).

**President's Projects** - 1) Making a Difference, 2) Mason Bee Project. **Ongoing Projects** - 1) Blue Star Memorials, 2) Butterfly Garden, 3) Energy Conservation, 4) Flower Shows, 5) Garden Therapy, 6) National Garden Week, 7) Plant It Pink, 8) Penny Pines/Tx Forest Service, 9) Rain Gardens, 10) Recycling, 11) Sage & Roses, 12) School Gardens, 13) Photo Archiving, 14) Water, 15) Youth.

**Outreach Projects** - 1) Habitat for Humanity Landscaping, 2) Disaster Relief, 3) Global Partners Running Waters

**Dues** - Complete your club roster and send your member dues to TGC and your district. Include member's e-mail and phone. If you haven't received your dues notice, e-mail TGC - [tgcoffice@aol.com](mailto:tgcoffice@aol.com).

**NGC Convention** - 27 Texans went to OK. Blue Star markers increase price June 1. Get your orders in before then. Check out photo contest, native plant grant - [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org).

**Evaluation** - This issue completes a year of this e-letter. Share with your members. It's online: [texasgardenclubs.org](http://texasgardenclubs.org). What do you like? Helpful? New ideas? Send comments to Sarah and [j-cohen@aggienetwork.com](mailto:j-cohen@aggienetwork.com).

