



TGC Keeping in Touch

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TGC President's Letter to Club Presidents

Summer - Have a good summer. I look forward to your continued accomplishments in the next year. Make your journey in Garden Club happy and educational. Do something with a friend to celebrate National Garden Week.

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

Dragonfly - The traditional association of Dragonflies with water also gives rise to one thought about this amazing insect. A dragonfly's scurrying flight across water could represent going beyond what's on the surface and looking into the deeper implications and aspects of life.

Let your thoughts surface and be mindful of the outcome you might wish to have. Think of the dragonfly as a very powerful meditation tool.

Focus on a thought - let it rise to the surface of your mind's ocean - see that thought float lightly up to the water's surface. Now upon the top of a smooth, calm glass-like surface - visualize that thought moving across that water - sliding across - smooth and fast.



Apply your thoughts to membership, community service, or any of your plans and goals for next year. What other opportunities would benefit your community and your club?

Gardening Study School (GSS) - Course II is Aug 11-12 in Houston, an outstanding, fun school on garden diseases & pests, container gardening, growing vegetables, new plants and lawns and/or lawn alternatives. Johanna Taylor is TGC GSS Chair. Local Chair is Margaret Sinclair.

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 attract new members.

Home & Garden Tours - McKinney Garden Club presents "Heirloom Gardens" - June 14, 10 am-4 pm. Garden & Home Tour is every two years as a fund raising project and "our" one day to show off six beautiful gardens and home to over 1000 visitors. Tickets: \$20. McKinney Garden Club's Facebook page - www.facebook.com/MckinneyGardenClub. Come to our tour and bring friends. From: Valarie Kerby, 214 718 5200, valariekerby@me.com

Flower Show - If it has been five years or if your club has never had a Flower Show, NGC has a Flower Show "Stimulus Package" for you. Plan your show this year to receive a Certificate of Achievement (until May 2015.) Request a Model Schedule from Sandra Ford, 6575 Plantation Lane, Boise, ID 83703-2644, sandraford@cableone.net or 208.853.6575. Details online - www.gardenclub.org/schools/flower-show-schools/stimulus-package.aspx. For info, contact Peggy Consolver, TGC Flower Show Schools Chair, 2208 Northcrest Dr, Plano, TX 75075, pconsolver@verizon.net.

Membership: Make A Difference - Promote GC membership and make a difference as individuals and as 179,000 members of NGC, committed and working together to provide education, resources and networking.

Membership is everyone's responsibility. Try some new retention and recruitment ideas. Create a new member packet of information highlighting club activities, introducing your officers and committees. Include your welcome letter with committees and chairs, a recent newsletter, a calendar of events and volunteer opportunities, etc. For more ideas and ways to promote club membership, www.gardenclub.org/about-us/publications/keeping-in-touch.aspx.

Discuss ideas with your Board to plan your year's projects and activities. From: Kitty Larkin, NGC Membership Committee, May issue of NGC's KIT.

Dues Reminder - Be sure your Treasurer has sent in your dues and roster to TGC HQ.