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94th TGC, Inc. Spring Convention
May 2-5, 2022 | Austin, Texas
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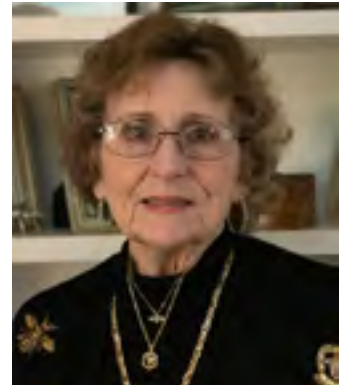
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Environmental School #2 **Land & Related Issues**

July 15 - 17, 2021

A trip to Old Fort Parker for Environmental School brought back childhood memories of summer camp. We stayed in the remodeled old WWII German prisoner of war barracks. One shower to share with a bunch of female campers – oh my!

Instructors were amazing, imparting knowledge on Plant Agriculture, Coastal Zone Management, Environmental Science Resources, Source Reduction, Pollutants, Toxins and Materials, Ecology: Land and Earth Stewardship, Gardening With Nature. There was even a lecture on Wildlife Animals and “The Misunderstood” which was about snakes, frogs, lizards and insects. We were privileged to have a dignitary as one of our instructors – former SCR Director Linda Lawson (2019 – 2021).



Gwen DeWitt
TGC President (2021-2023)



Sarah McReynolds and Ranger Melissa Chadwick

Janet Nevil, District X Director, gave us a fascinating lecture and film on how mushrooms will save the world, giving us information about how they provide food and medicine for infections, lung diseases and cancer. Mushrooms share 50% of their DNA with us. Even the “Magic Mushrooms” are being studied for psychological problems. The film showed how fungi help clean the environment by metabolizing non-living organic matter. Fungi are

Mother Neff State Park



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

being used to make vegan leather which can be used for clothing and furniture. Janet provided many different types of mushrooms which we bravely sampled on our salads for supper that night after completing the test on the Fungi Kingdom.



Other instructors included Beth Erwin and Dixie Hoover.

We took a field trip to Mother Neff State Park, the first state park in Texas, where Melissa Chadwick, park ranger gave us a class on flood erosion and its impact on the land after which we were tested. Charlotte Weiss, former District V Director, treated us to a history of the Indian Point Retreat at Mother Neff State Park followed by a Dutch Oven dinner. After the delicious dinner, Charlotte invited us to her home to socialize and swim.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Class members helped in the kitchen, preparing delicious meals, clearing tables and washing dishes. We all brought snacks to share.

Bobbie Mason filled her horse trailer with fabulous hanging baskets along with flats of flowers to sell to attendees with half the funds going to the Environmental School. Many of the students brought plants from their gardens to share. The trunk of my little red BMW Z was full of plants and everything else was stuffed in the passenger seat for my trip home. Always room for plants!

Much like summer camp, Sarah McReynolds had us playing with clay. We each made a leaf-shaped charm. When dried, the charm was painted and strung on a leather cord to create a necklace.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had an interesting group attending the school – state officers, trustees, district directors, club members and NGC, Inc. 2nd Vice-President Donna Rouch, along with husband Jim, Environmental School Accrediting Chair for the Deep South Region.

It was a grand summer camp – fun, good fellowship and interesting classes with talented instructors. Happy to report – **I passed.**

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Congratulations to (L-R) Linda Jean Brown, Karen Taylor, Sherie Clarkson, Beth Irwin, and Elaine Semmelmann.



How Did Our Thanksgiving Menu Evolve to What We Know Today?

In colonial days, a meal of celebration after harvest might include waterfowl, venison, wild turkey, goose, duck, swan and passenger pigeons. They were boiled first then roasted to finish them off (or vice versa) and some were stuffed with onions and herbs, or just chestnuts, walnuts and beechnuts. Corn was available, of course, along with beans, pumpkins or squashes. But meat, meat, and more meat was the main plate on the table. And no potatoes, white or sweet, which hadn't yet been introduced to North America.

Kathleen Wall, a foodways culinarian at Plimoth Plantation, a living history museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts helped to explain this evolution in an article from Smithsonian Magazine ([smithsonianmag.com](https://www.smithsonianmag.com)) written by Megan Gambino, November 21, 2011:

Wall explains that the Thanksgiving holiday, as we know it, took root in the mid-19th century. At this time, Edward Winslow's letter, printed in a pamphlet called *Mourt's Relation*, and Governor Bradford's manuscript, titled *Of Plimoth Plantation*, were rediscovered and published. Boston clergyman Alexander Young printed Winslow's letter in his *Chronicles of the Pilgrim Fathers*, and in the footnotes to the resurrected letter, he somewhat arbitrarily declared the feast the first Thanksgiving. (Wall and others at Plimoth Plantation prefer to call it "the harvest celebration in 1621.") There was nostalgia for colonial times, and by the 1850s, most states and territories were celebrating Thanksgiving.

Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of the popular women's magazine *Godey's Lady's Book*, a real trendsetter for running a household, was a leading voice in establishing Thanksgiving as an annual event. Beginning in 1827, Hale petitioned 13 presidents, the last of whom was Abraham Lincoln. She pitched her idea to President Lincoln as a way to unite the country in the midst of the Civil War, and, in 1863, he made Thanksgiving a national holiday.

Throughout her campaign, Hale printed Thanksgiving recipes and menus in *Godey's Lady's Book*. She also published close to a dozen cookbooks. "She is really planting this idea in the heads of lots of women that this is something they should want to do," says Wall. "So when there finally is a national day of Thanksgiving, there is a whole body of women who are ready for it, who know what to do because she told them. A lot of the food that we think of—roast turkey with sage dressing, creamed onions, mashed turnips, even some of the mashed potato dishes, which were kind of exotic then—are there."

Planning Your Club Programs

• *Trish Lopez, Managing Editor*

PROGRAM PLANNING

The office of Program Chairman can be the most important chairmanship in each club and district organization. Success in Program Planning will determine the continuing interest of members and their attendance at your meetings. **Good programs broaden, educate, inform and inspire** members. Remember... members join a club to learn.

Choose programs suited to the needs, desires and capabilities of members. Involve members in selecting and presenting programs.

NGC, Inc. lists many goals for ideal club programs: Birds, Civic Development, Conservation, Flower Shows, Garden Therapy, Horticulture, Landscape Design, etc.

FACTORS: TYPES OF PROGRAMS

- The age of both your club and members
- Physical limitations
- President's theme
- Suggestions from members
- Not a repetition of a recent presentation

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Appointing members to the Program Committee is one of the first steps in involving

members. At the least, you should have a CO-CHAIR who can take over in case of an emergency and who can assist in program presentation. Members may also be involved by assigning them specific topics on which to report. Researching a topic is one of the best ways to learn about it.

TYPES OF PROGRAM FORMATS

Lecture
Lecture – Demo

Panel (2 or more speakers on different facets of same subject)

Forum – appoint a moderator

Workshop

Slides or films

Book reviews

Pilgrimages (visit a garden, arboretum or nursery)

Skits

SOURCES OF MATERIAL

NGC, Inc. –
4401 Magnolia Ave.
St. Louis, MO. 63110
[illustrated lecture slides]

TGC, INC. –
3111 Old Garden Rd.-
Ft. Worth, Tx. 76107-3416
[illustrated programs]

PUBLICATIONS -
Audubon Society
Gardening magazines
Horticulture Society

BULLETINS -

THE LONE STAR GARDENER
THE NATIONAL GARDENER
Texas A&M Extension Service
U.S. Forest Service
U.S. Gov't. Publications

BOOKS -

NGC, Inc. catalog – for sale
TGC, Inc. library - on loan

SPEAKERS -

Will there be a fee?
Will speaker provide all needed equipment?
Credentials – for introduction
Credentials – for invitation
Contract letter?
Reminder letter/email

CONCLUSION

In planning programs, keep the following in mind:

1. Needs/desires of members
2. Consult with President
3. Member suggestions
4. Member participation
5. Organize! Delegate!
6. Variety / timeliness
7. Flexibility
8. Know your budget
9. Have some FUN!
10. THANK YOU notes to all
11. Apply for a TCG, Inc. Best Club Program award!

[Above was condensed from an article submitted to THE NATIONAL GARDENER by Mrs. F.D. Zappalo, member of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs.]

South Central Region

Hello TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS!

I am excited about the plans Nancy Giffhorn and TGC are making for our 2022 SCR Convention in Galveston – “Tropical Getaway”! I love that area in Texas and cannot wait to explore the “Strand” and enjoy the Tremont Hotel and Moody Gardens! Watch for the registration form in the October *SCR Communicator*. I hope you all are planning to attend and join in the fun! I look forward to meeting all the people I have spoken with, emailed and texted. Face to face with friends is my favorite way to do it!

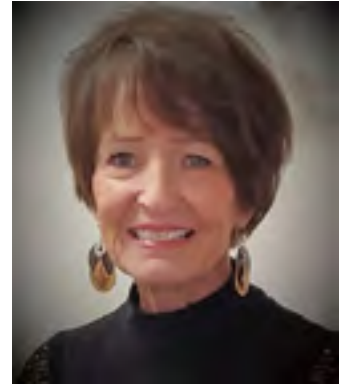
The focus at the beginning of our term is Scholarships! At our recent convention in Little Rock “Celebrate AFGC” we enjoyed a ceremony honoring fifteen “SCR Gardening Heroes”! It was wonderful to hear the stories about the ladies who paved the way for AFGC and those who are still in the trenches. We had daughters who honored their moms with wonderful touching words. Watch the *SCR Communicator* for details! We now have a total of eighteen heroes! I am thankful at the response to this effort to raise money for SCR Scholarships! What a wonderful way to Embrace the Future. We will honor all those at Convention in April and one very dynamic Texan is among that number! I cannot wait!

I expect Texas has more heroes to honor! New Mexico and Oklahoma also, and I know there are more in Arkansas. The entry form is available in the *SCR Communicator* and will be available on the new edition of the SCR Website when it is ready for viewing in a few days. I have asked the state presidents in our regions to send pictures of activities in their states and I would welcome pictures from districts and local clubs!

Remember Penny Pines Reforestation Project, our four states are in a competition to plant more trees in our states! See the *SCR Communicator* and the website for information! You may contact NGC/SCR Penny Pines Chairman for details!

Virtual hugs to all!

Rose Knight, SCR Director



Rose Knight
SCR Director (2021-2023)

Member Award of Honor

by Freda Martin, Chairman

Texas has many garden club members that need to be HONORED for their tireless work and service on the local level (i.e., during a period of five years).

Honor members, whose volunteer efforts, have made outstanding contributions to club and community in one or more of the following areas: Civic Development, Conservation, Design, Horticulture Therapy, Horticultural, Landscape Design, Youth Activities and All Around Excellence.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any member of a State Garden Club who has never served as a member of the NGC Board of Directors, including State President.

RULES:

Send Book of Evidence to me, your MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR State Chairman by November 1, 2021. Book of Evidence is not to exceed 6 pages (total) - typed and secured in a folder. No loose pages. Rules can be found in the AWARD BROCHURE 2019 on page 10 and on the NGC, Inc. website.

Supporting information – to include: Maximum 3 page outline listing accomplishments of nominee (including offices and Chairmanships held). Name and a photo of nominee - complete mailing address must be on back of picture. Please secure picture by stapling to prevent loss.

Choose one from your District to be honored. Once chosen, ask your nominee to prepare a list of her/his offices, chairmanships, community activities, or contribution to their club and community. Finally, have someone make a Book of Evidence to comply with the NGC, Inc. rules.

We would like a nominee from each District. It would be wonderful to have (10) ten nominees. District Directors - you could honor your winner with a certificate.

State Winners: Each state winner will receive a certificate from their State Chairman.

REGIONAL WINNERS AUTOMATICALLY BECOME THE NATIONAL WINNER FROM THAT REGION.

Regional/National Winners will be presented with a certificate and pin at the National Convention and will be listed in the Awards Booklet and *The National Gardener*.

If you need more information, please contact me by e-mail or phone:

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Divide and Conquer Your Herbs

by Sherie Clarkson, LSG Horticulture Editor

If you are like most gardeners, you have in your garden plants that tend to overtake the rest of the bed just like an advancing army. Devouring their nicer neighbors, these giants refuse to stay within the boundaries you established. So, you have no choice but to divide and conquer.

Now is the best time of the year for this chore with the cooler temperatures and soils that don't dry out as quickly. This allows the plants to recover and get their roots established before cold weather sets in. Plants concentrate their energy on root growth during the fall instead of putting out flowers and seeds.

Many herbs are easily divided now. You can fill in bare spots in other beds, move them to a more convenient spot for harvest or use them to create container gardens. Get together with your other gardener friends and have a plant exchange party.

The first step in dividing your plants is to prepare the plants. If the soil is dry, water the plants thoroughly the day before you plan to divide them. When possible, wait for a cool, cloudy day to reduce stress on the plant.

Prepare the soil in the new bed before digging transplants. Turn the soil evenly, adding well-rotted compost and old manure into the soil, breaking up clods to a shovel's depth.

Next, gently dig down around the plant with a spade, taking special care not to sever roots. Lift the plant with a spade or pitchfork.

Separate small clumps by pulling off the vigorous offsprings or cut the plant into sections with pruning shears or a heavy knife. If a plant is particularly stubborn or woody, use a shovel to break it apart and discard the woody center. Make sure each section has a good root system.

Replant the divisions as soon as possible. Dig a hole large enough to accommodate the full spread of the roots. Make sure the crown of the plant will end up just below the soil surface. Do not plant too deeply.

Water the plant thoroughly after planting so that the soil settles completely among the roots. I like to use a water and fish emulsion mixture when transplanting to give the plants a jump start. Later, mulch your beds well with compost, shredded leaves or hardwood bark to a depth of 4 to 6 inches when temperatures start to get close to freezing. This will protect the developing roots from frost heaving during periods of contrasting cold and warm weather.

Following is a list of herbs that divide easily. If you are interested in adding them to your garden, check with your friends first and discuss making a trade of transplants. They will probably be more than glad to share with you.

Anise hyssop, bee balm, catnip, chives, comfrey, creeping thyme, horehound, Lady's mantle, Lemon balm, mints, oreganos, orris, sorrel, tansy, tarragon, valerian, violas, wormwood

Have You Heard the Rumor?

by the 2022 Spring Convention Committee

The rumor is true, the 2022 Spring Convention is going to be held in **“WILD, WACKY, WEIRD, AND WONDERFUL AUSTIN, TEXAS”** after a 20 year hiatus.

The planning committee was so impressed with the abundance of tour and speaker prospects they asked for an extra day. Still it was difficult to trim down the list of possibilities.

First priority is the venue. We have secured **Embassy Suites – Central** just off I-35 with relatively easy access, free parking, complimentary full breakfast, and complimentary Happy Hour (we'll adjust the dinner hour for full benefit) for **\$159 plus tax**. The hotel has undergone a complete renovation and the majority of the staff has been at this concern for 5 years or more.

THE DATES – no we haven't forgotten – **May 2–May 5, 2022**. So mark your calendar and make hotel reservations now. Reservations can be made by contacting the Hotel's central reservation department at **1-800-729-5711** or by calling the Hotel at **512-454-8004**. Attendees should identify themselves by the event name – Texas Garden Clubs Spring Convention to get the group rate. To receive the group rate YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS BY **April 9, 2022**.

With a theme of “Welcome to Wild, Weird, Wacky, and Wonderful Austin, Texas” you can certainly expect just about anything. Let us give you some clues. First this will not be your traditional convention schedule. Upon your arrival, we invite you to check out our Hospitality room – open to all attendees for the duration of the convention. This is Social Central – dedicating a full ballroom to quick crafts – board games – select vendors – TGC information Hub – and the Silent Auction and Raffle display. The concept is set-up with your enjoyment in mind, we hope you and your friends will avail of this designated space in your down time.

Austin has long been the pioneer in the energy and recycling fields and on Tuesday we have the opportunity to tour the city's state of the art facility along with a

look at some exotic animals. Is this classified as wild or weird? Of course we do have to set aside “a little time” for the Executive and Board of Directors' meetings, but rest assured they will be quick and efficient so as not to miss anything. Tuesday night will be the Awards Banquet – so plan to attend.

Wednesday we will be “on the move” – first to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, one of Austin's Top 10 Attractions. Lunch back at the hotel will feature a Garden Photo Exposition from around the state (Watch the LSG for information on how you can participate). An afternoon craft session and an early dinner will usher us board the BATMOBILE (Coach) to view the Congress Avenue bridge bat flight from our private party boat. We will be much too excited to call it a night, so join us for a complimentary bedtime snack before we retire to recoup for still another day.

Our final wonderful day of convention will begin with a moving Opening Ceremony, followed by the General Session. Lunch promises to be a highlight. Don your prettiest frock and hat, as we hope to host the First Lady of Texas and make her a member of Texas Garden Clubs. She has been invited but her schedule cannot be confirmed until after the New Year. We'll keep our fingers crossed but have plenty on the agenda – Garden Club Member of the Year – Youth Awards – Recognition of Convention First Timers – and a Fashion Show.

Will there be time to take a breath? Maybe a short nap to be ready for our Gala Evening Banquet honoring our present and former state presidents can be managed. We have plans for a grand finale with glitz-glamour-surprise entertainment. Dress to fulfill your comfort or your dreams – Sunday, Cocktail, or Formal attire, you will see it all and never want to return to reality come Friday as we head for home.

**Come join us May 2-5, 2022 in Austin
for TGC Spring Convention**

Wild

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Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. - 94th Annual Spring Convention

May 2 – May 5, 2022

Welcome to Austin

Embassy Suites Austin Central, 5901 N Interstate Hwy 35, Austin, TX 78723
District V Club Members – Hostesses

Name on Badge (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Credentials (Please Circle ALL that apply)

- NGC President, Fmr. NGC President, NGC Chair, SCR Director, Fmr. SCR Director, SCR Chair, TGC President, Fmr. TGC President, TGC Officer, TGC Chair, Guest, District Director, Trustee, Club President, Club Delegate, Club Member, Affiliate President, Affiliate Member, Council President, NGC Life Member, SCR Life Member, Speaker, TGC Life Member, Landscape Design Consultant, Gardening Consultant, Environmental Consultant, Flower Show Judge, Flower Show Student, Flower Show Accredited, Flower Show Master, Flower Show Life, Flower Show Emeritus

Please select and enter amount for each event you plan to attend

Registration Deadline April 22, 2022. No refunds after April 29, 2022

Registration Fee

\$35.00 for entire convention / \$25.00 for one day..... \$ _____

Wild Monday, May 2nd (Dinner on your own)

Tour of Local Garden for BOD (complimentary, Marlene Gillman will be coordinating rides that day)

Weird Tuesday, May 3rd

Lunch, Hosted by Environmental Consultants \$28.00 \$ _____

Tour Texas Disposal Systems Facility / Exotic Game Ranch (limit 40)..... \$10.00 \$ _____

Dinner, Hosted by Flower Show Judges \$40.00 \$ _____

Wacky Wednesday, May 4th

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Tour (morning)..... \$22.00 \$ _____

Lunch, Hosted by Landscape Design Consultants \$40.00 \$ _____

Fascinator Workshop (Complimentary for those going on Bat Cruise)

Dinner, Hosted by Gardening Consultants \$28.00 \$ _____

Bat Cruise \$30.00 \$ _____

Bat Night Cap (Complimentary for those going on Bat Cruise)

Wonderful Thursday, May 5th

Texas Garden Party Luncheon \$28.00 \$ _____

A Night of Wonderful – Dinner \$57.00 \$ _____

Transportation for all tours is included in cost Grand Total \$ _____

Visit with our Hostesses in the Complimentary Hospitality Center. Games, Puzzles, Conversation & Fun (not open during meals)

CIRCLE any special dietary needs: Diabetic / Gluten Free / Vegan / Vegetarian

Make Check Payable to: District V 2022 Convention

Send Registration Form & Check to: Virginia Pargmann, 2916 Addie Lane, Georgetown, TX 78628

Hotel Accommodations: \$159.00 + tax (includes parking, breakfast, Complimentary Happy Hour 5-6 PM)

For hotel reservations: 1-800-729-5711 or 512-454-8004. Attendees, please identify by the EVENT Name. Cutoff April 2, 2022

SHUTTERBUG UPDATE FOR **SPRING CONVENTION**

We have had some good feedback on our plan for a “Photo Garden Exhibition.” So, this is just a little exercise to keep things interesting. You may think that you do not have adequate prime garden time to get the perfect picture you desire. I beg to differ with you. Scroll your phone library and you will find forgotten pictures worthy of your attention. Remember this show is also being held in early May 2022 which gives you March and April opportunities as spring emerges. Set aside 30 minutes each day to just focus on its vibes as your garden mellows for its winter sleep.

Remember your entry must be glossy **color** 8x10, matted (color and texture of your choice) to 10x12. You may title it on the front but submission information will be on a separate card attached to the back. The committee will provide display easels and the official signage required for a flower show. Remember your entry will not be returned to you, but becomes property of TGC so make yourself a copy.



President's Ways & Means Fundraiser

Beautiful Bee Lapel Pin

\$20.00

**To place your order
contact**

**Linda Jean Brown
Ways & Means Chair**

ljbrown3264@windstream.net



When starting my new position as TGC Inc. President, I asked Jodi, our office manager, if we had a certificate to honor our members and clubs for outstanding service or events. Jodi mentioned the possibility of having Gwen Genius, a talented botanical artist, to create a certificate and asked me what I would like on it. I requested wildflowers and of course it needed bees.

Gwen, who teaches botanical art classes at Headquarters, designed the new

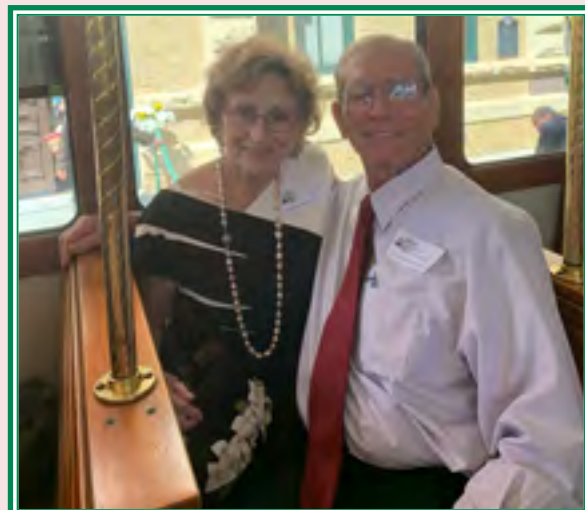
certificate along with stationery. The beautiful certificate designed by Gwen is a wreath of wildflowers with bees.

On September 9th, I traveled to Columbus to present Columbus Garden Club with the first new certificate to celebrate and honor 85 years of being a TGC Inc. federated club. I hope to visit and present my beautiful new certificate to all of our clubs as they celebrate their anniversaries and other special events. — Gwen DeWitt

President Gwen DeWitt visits **Columbus Garden Club** for their 85th Anniversary Celebration



District IV Trustee Sharon Wegenhoft (left), who is also 2nd VP of Columbus Garden Club, introduced TGC, Inc. President Gwen DeWitt to members during her visit in early September.



Gwen and Dennis DeWitt take a trolley tour of the gardens.



View of the **Pollinator Garden** planted by Columbus Garden Club.



Joann Obenhaus, Columbus Garden Club President receiving certificate recognizing the club's 85th anniversary of being Federated.



President Gwen DeWitt and husband Dennis strolled through the **Pollinator Garden** planted and maintained by Columbus Garden Club members.



District Court was held under this oak in 1837, now surrounded by **Pink Garden** planted and maintained by Columbus Garden Club.

Historical Marker says:

"In 1837 this oak sheltered Texas jurors. Courthouse was unfinished because logs coming down river for building had swept past in strong current. R.M. Williamson, president, was called "three-legged Willie" due to appearance: he had good leg, crippled leg, and wooden leg."

The marker was placed in 1969.



J. Sterling Morton first proposed a tree planting holiday to be called “Arbor Day.” The date was set for April 10, 1872. It was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on that first Arbor Day. Students of different grades met at their classrooms in the morning for the purpose of planting and caring for at least one tree. When the plantings were completed, 1000 students marched from the various schools to Nebraska City’s opera house. They were joined by another thousand celebrants. Morton delivered a speech at the end of which all joined in singing “**AMERICA.**”

Today, National Arbor Day is the 4th Friday in April. **Texas has designated the 3rd Friday in January to the 3rd Friday in April** as dates one can observe Arbor Day, as suitable in different areas of the state.

Linda Jean Brown, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors chair for Arbor Day, recommends school grounds, public spaces, or the surrounding areas of civic buildings. An appropriate program could include an invocation, speaker, Arbor Day history, tree planting, and dedication. Linda Jean has included a copy (see next page) of the **Celebrate Arbor Day** proclamation which is suitable to submit to your local mayor.



Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, Therefore, I, _____, Mayor of the City of _____, do hereby proclaim _____ as

Arbor Day

In the City of _____, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this _____ day of _____
Mayor _____

93rd TGC Convention – State Flower Show Judges Council Program

By Heather White, MD, LSG Design Editor-Floral — All photos by Heather White

At the Convention in San Antonio on April 6, 2021, the State Flower Show Judges Council provided a program for education to the convention attendees. The program was organized by Mary Vacek and was



Judith Boechner design



Lee Taylor design

focused on the Fiesta theme with the title “Kaleidoscope of Color.” Mary gave a history of the colorful pigments used in design and the strong roots in horticulture for the products used in the Latino culture. Several designers from across the state provided designs for the program. Other than the title inspiration, designers were given free choice of design type and style, as well as choice of plant material and components. Each designer was introduced with brief bio information. Some information about the inspiration for their design and the components or special mechanics used to complete the design were conveyed and the audience could ask questions. There was also an opportunity to purchase former TGC/NGC President Renee Blaschke’s many containers. The State Flower Show Judges Council welcomes NGC Student Judges and NGC Accredited Judges to our membership.



Sarah Andry design



Mary Vacek design



Heather White design

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Sue King design



Carol Coughran design



Shannon Broussard design



Linda Love design



An interesting fact provided on the Riverwalk Cruise was that the river was stocked with Tilapia which is a species of fish that consume large numbers of mosquito larva and as a bonus provide stocked fishing for the river downstream.



President Elect Gwen DeWitt

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Convention



NGC President Gay Austin making a Fiesta Flower



Head Table design by District VII Floral Committee,
Bobbie Quick Chairman

Waverly Park Garden Club Recognized

Waverly Park Garden Club received recognition at the Spring District II, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc. conventions as [one of the most successful garden clubs to remain active during the very challenging 2020 year](#). Members, most of whom live in southwest Fort Worth in Benbrook, continued to make community service a priority during the pandemic while remaining masked and socially distanced.

The club, which is celebrating its 63rd anniversary this year, serves the Benbrook community and Waverly Park Elementary School on many gardening fronts.

[Thirteen awards and a director's citation as well as the "Gold Garden Club of the Year" Award](#) were presented to the club at the District II convention. At the TGC, Inc. convention, Waverly Park Garden Club was honored to receive numerous awards and the "Gold Garden Club of the Year" Award in recognition of its many projects in youth education, community service, community beautification, conservation and good gardening practices.



Waverly Park Garden Club members at the District II spring convention: Gwen Genius, Jodi Zambino, Ellen Sowers, Rachel Emond, Veronica Wingen, Barbara Jenkins, Carol Stewart, Beverly Turner, Nancy Smith and Margie Geiger.

Among the many club projects that received recognition are: the annual Benbrook Trash Bash clean-up around Benbrook Lake; the "My Benbrook Mile" program regularly removing litter from the Castle Park playground, walking track and ball fields area of Dutch Branch Park; the sponsoring and awarding of a local neighborhood "Yard of the Month"; the continuing work with and support of the youth vegetable, horticulture and butterfly gardens at Waverly Park Elementary School; the maintenance of a portion of Waverly Park's front landscape; the upkeep and plantings in the entry garden at the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA; funding the needs of a therapy garden for those under the care of the VA Clinic; and an annual Christmas project benefitting St. Mary's Center for Children.

[For the fifth year in a row, Waverly Park Garden Club also won National Garden Club recognition for its gardening projects:](#) this year for the edible gardening program at Waverly Park Elementary School.

Waverly Park Garden Club members are again meeting monthly, enjoying gardening friendships and programs that encourage conservation of water and other natural resources, use of native/adapted plants, pollinator awareness, wildlife habitats, fun gardening projects and community service.



Green Chile & Artichoke Dip

This is an easy and yummy dip to snack on or share with friends. Prepare the dip ahead of time, refrigerate and then bake before guests arrive.

PREPARATION TIME: 10 MINUTES | COOK TIME: 20 MINUTES

Ingredients:

- 1 (14-ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 (4-ounce) can chopped green chiles, drained
- 1 cup chopped water chestnuts
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- Tortilla chips

Directions:

In a mixing bowl, combine all ingredients except tortilla chips. Turn the mixture into a 9-inch square or round baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until heated through.

Serve warm with tortilla chips.
YIELD: 12 TO 15 SERVINGS.



Corrections

Registration information on page 18 of the Summer issue of *The Lone Star Gardener* shows Jodi Zambino as the registrar for the Fall Board Meeting when in fact the registrar was Deborah Lewis, 604 Runaway Bay Drive, Runaway Bay, TX 76426, 443-415-4240.

As shown on page 2 of this issue, 7,694 Members | 32 Affiliates | 230 Clubs | 8 Judges' Councils | 11 Councils is current and accurate information and how in the world the numbers reported in the Summer Issue were so wildly different remains a mystery to the LSG staff!

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. MISSION STATEMENT Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. promotes the love of gardening, floral design, horticulture, civic responsibilities, landscaping, environmental concerns, and garden therapy for men, women, and children and encourages participation and support in educational programs for both the very young and advanced students. It is the purpose of this organization to preserve, protect, and conserve the natural resources of this country and to maintain and enhance the beauty of the lands.

Calendar 2021-2022

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. | (817) 332-6602 | tgcoffice@aol.com

NGC Events	2022 Convention: May 17-20, 2022, Orlando, FL 2022 Fall Board Meeting: September 19-22, 2022, Saint Louis, MO 2023 Convention: May 2-5, 2023, White Sulphur Springs, WV
SCR Events	Spring Convention: April 19-21, 2022, Galveston, TX
TGC Events	Fall Board Meeting, October 12-13, 2021, Ft. Worth, TX Spring Convention - May 2-5, 2022, Austin, TX
Flower Show Schools	FSS II - October 4-7, 2021, Bayland Community Center, Houston, TX , Mary Vacek, Chair; Registrar: Regene Williamson (361) 550-1485 FSS III - January 24-27, 2022, Bayland Community Center, Houston, TX FSS IV - September 27-30, 2022, Bayland Community Center, Houston, TX FSS III - October 26-29, 2022, Dallas Flower Show Judges' FSS, Sunnyvale; Sarah Andry, Chair
Symposium	FSS - October 2-4, 2022 - San Antonio Judges Council Symposium, San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels, San Antonio, TX
Landscape Design School	LDS IV - Dates to be Announced LDS I - Dates to be Announced
Environmental School	ES III - January 14-16, 2022, Old Fort Parker, Groesbeck, TX

From Your Headquarters

We gratefully accept your contributions received from May 16, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

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& Grow GC; SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Pionette GC; Evergreen GC; Bluffview GC; Edgecliff GC; Sugar Creek GC; Rose GC- Medina; Hearthstone GC; Bouquettes GC; Far Corners Garden Study Club; Green Thumb GC; Colleyville GC; El Dedon Verde GC; In Memory of Linda Evans Hale and Doris Thetford by Land O' Lakes GC; Taylor GC; Ocean Drive GC; Violet Crown GC;La Porte-Bayshore GC; Sunnyvale GC; Lake Worth GC; Ladybug GC; Plano GC; Dallas Flower Show Judges Founders Group; Kilgore GC; BluebonnetGC- Brenham; Mt. Pleasant GC; DOTTIE SIVESS SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Pionette GC; Gateway GC; Center GC; Civic GC- Kilgore;

HEADQUARTERS FUNDS: AWARDS YOUTH: A&M GC; Center GC; Land O' Lakes GC; District X; Cut & Grow GC; Cut & Grow GC; AWARDS ADULT: Land O' Lakes GC; A/C FUND-TGC: Gateway GC; Designers and Diggers Garden Study Club; Schulenberg GC; Mt. Pleasant GC; FRIENDS OF THE HEADQUARTERS: Dallas Flower Show

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Judges Founders Group; Edith Burris; Super Seeders GC; Super Seeders GC; HEADQUARTERS BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Pionette GC; LakewoodForest GC; Evergreen GC; Super Seeders GC; Plano GC; Grapeland GC; Hemphill GC; El Dedon Verde GC; Town & Country GC- Coleman; District X; Designers and Diggers Garden Study Club; Ladybug GC; Dallas Flower Show Judges Founders Group; Hunt GC; Cut & Grow GC; Civic GC- Kilgore; BluebonnetGC- Brenham; HEADQUARTERS OFFICE FUND: ; Pionette GC; Gateway GC; Evergreen GC; Better Gardens Club; Hearthstone GC; Land O' Lakes GC; Lake Country Wildflowers GC; Kingwood GC; Designers and Diggers Garden Study Club; Sunnyvale GC; Lake Worth GC; Civic GC- Kilgore; In memory of Joe Whetsell by Carol Moore; Abilene GC; In memory of Joe Whetsell by Dorothy Sivess; HEADQUARTERS LANDSCAPE / WILDSCAPE / POCKET GARDENS: Pionette GC; District IV; Better Gardens Club; Sugar Creek GC; Plano GC; District X; Designers and Diggers Garden Study Club; Cut & Grow GC; Civic GC- Kilgore; BluebonnetGC- Brenham;

GENERAL FUNDS: FRIENDSHIP BOOK: Colleyville GC; BluebonnetGC- Brenham; SILVER BOOK: District X; GOLD BOOK: Sunnyvale GC;

PRESIDENTS BOOK: DISTRICT II: Dora Alexander by Iowa Park GC; Jeannine Baxter by Everman GC; Kathy Keyer by Lake Country Wildflowers GC; DISTRICT III: Tambra Norris by Pionette GC; Beth Pesek by Gateway GC; Deborah Tanner by Kilgore GC; Marilyn Martin by Civic GC- Kilgore; DISTRICT IV: Christine Kambach by Hearthstone GC; Sarah Bentley by Far Corners Garden Study Club; Linda Blum by BluebonnetGC- Brenham; DISTRICT V: Melva Brinkman by Yaupon GC; Kelly Coffey by Smithville GC; Monylene Carnes by McGregor GC; Michele Wehrheim by A&M GC; Sherry Ellison by A&M GC; Penny Rychetsky by Taylor GC; DISTRICT VII: Genny Hatton by Ocean Drive GC; Melayne Arnold by Kerrville GC; DISTRICT VIII: Sue Shields by Town & Country GC- Coleman; Diane Tomlins by Abilene GC; DISTRICT X: Diane Richards by Super Seeders GC; Jennifer Caceres by Super Seeders GC; Karleen Hoffman by Plano GC; Karen Collins- Noble by Designers and Diggers Garden Study Club; Sylvia Carter by Sunnyvale GC; Jan Myrick

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Fall Landscape Cleanup

Source: Gardener's Supply Company

- DO:**
- Trim perennial stems to 2-3" when foliage and stems have died back.
 - Mark the locations of perennials so you'll know what to look for in spring.
 - Leave seed heads on some annuals and perennials, such as sunflowers, for birds to feast on.
 - Apply compost under perennials, trees, and shrubs to supply slow-release nutrients for roots.
 - Continue to water trees and shrubs until the ground freezes.
 - If the ground freezes, apply a 2-3" layer of organic mulch around plants, keeping it a few inches from stems and trunks.
 - Trim dead or diseased branches from trees and shrubs. Wait until spring or summer for major pruning.
 - Drain irrigation systems, hoses, and any other watering equipment.
 - Empty or move containers under cover to prevent them from cracking in cold weather.
 - Test your soil for nutrients and pH (acidity/alkalinity). Apply lime or sulfur if needed.

- DON'T:**
- Don't discard fallen leaves – they contain a wealth of nutrients. If you have a scattering of leaves on your lawn, mow over them to break them into small pieces that will decompose quickly. Otherwise, rake and add leaves to your compost pile. Avoid overdoing it as you tidy up. Many beneficial insects and pollinators overwinter in dead plants and leaves.
 - Avoid fertilizing in fall because it can disrupt the plants' hardening-off process. Slow-release fertilizers and compost are the exception – unlike quick-release synthetic fertilizers, they won't cause a flush of new growth.

To help hydrate our pollinators, fill a bowl with marbles and add water. Marbles give the bees a safe place to land so they can drink without drowning.



BEE WATERER

Source: TheAntiMedia.com

Thank You ...

As one of the National Garden Club Scholars, I would first like to thank the scholarship committee and donors who have blessed me so generously. After first being awarded the Texas Garden Club Scholarship, Mrs. Vacek, the TCG Scholarship VP, nominated me for the NGC scholarship! My letter for the application highlighted my priority in serving others before myself, and how studying horticulture is helping me do just that.

Since beginning college, I knew I could not take the opportunity I had been given for granted. I have spent countless hours on several research projects, conducted my own research, and interned at Monrovia in Oregon. These experiences have helped me show my dedication to the horticulture industry, and the National Garden Club's Scholarship is helping me continue this marvelous journey.

I have learned so much, and without the financial aid this scholarship has given to me,

I would not be able to pursue my degree with such passion and focus. I remember when I found out I had been awarded this scholarship I could hardly believe it! I will never forget the experience of applying and then being rewarded for my hard work so generously by the Texas and National Garden Club.



National Garden Clubs, Inc. scholarship awardee, Cassie Hutcheson

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*We Wish You
Happiest Holidays*