

DEEP SOUTH MATTERS

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From The Desk of the Director
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With garden club activities back in full swing, opportunities for gardening, environmental and civic/community events and projects are plentiful. I encourage members to take advantage of all your state has to offer and give them your full support.

The summer was quite a busy one for me, as I am sure it was for everyone. I attended the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. Summer Board of Directors meeting in Baton Rouge in July. In addition to Committee, Council and Board meetings, LGCF’s meeting was like a mini convention with a workshop on begonias (my favorite plants), a floral design workshop using flowers available at grocery stores and a program on floral design, “Sunrise, Sunset,” presented by the Southwest Judges’ Council. The program, “Way Down South in the Summertime,” by a history professor at Southeastern Louisiana University, gave an account of what life was like in the summertime a hundred (plus) years ago. What an eye opener. I’m glad I didn’t live back then! What an enjoyable time to see many of my friends from LGCF and to meet many new ones in this organization of dedicated and talented members. My thanks go to LGCF President, Jeanette Gatzman and all who attended, for the warm hospitality.

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The National Garden Club’s Fall Board of Directors meeting was held in St. Louis in September. As Region Director, I am a member of the NGC Executive Committee and a member of the NGC Scholarship Committee. Both meetings were very enlightening, especially the Scholarship Committee. NGC offers up to 41 college scholarships up to \$4,000.00, available to junior, senior and graduate students (Master’s). There were eleven states in NGC that did not have an applicant last year. Do not let this tremendous opportunity pass your state by for the coming year. All information on the NGC Scholarship Program is available on the NGC website www.gardenclubs.org.

In addition to the NGC Scholarship, please do not overlook the Deep South Region Scholarship Program. DSR offers two scholarships of \$3,000.00 annually. You can find all necessary forms on the DSR website, www.dsregion.org, under the Committees and Projects tab or contact your state DSR Scholarship Chairman.

For many years I have heard of the award-winning Conservation Camp hosted by the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., and for many years I’ve wanted to attend. I finally got the opportunity and was honored to be a guest along with NGC President Sandy Robinson. We attended this outstanding 2-day event held at the beautiful Montgomery Bell State Park in October. My thanks for TFGC President, Pam Dowd, for the invitation and warm welcome. I do not know where to begin to describe the many programs, workshops and other activities the over one hundred TFGC members participated in. Lectures on bees, butterflies, Tenn.’s land-trust scenic trails, the snakes of Tenn., backyard habitats, greyhound rescue, birds of prey, a workshop on making bluebird houses – just to name a few. This was the 62nd Conservation Camp and it surpassed my expectations. Congratulations, TFGC on another successful Conservation Camp.

From The Desk of the Director

Limited information on the 2016 Deep South Region Convention is in this newsletter including date, location, brief description of events and the information you will need to make hotel reservations. Complete information will be available on the website soon. Please make plans to attend this convention as NGC President Sandy Robinson will be our special guest.

As always, if I can ever be of any assistance, feel free to contact me by phone (662-561-2348) or email (carol.m.bullard@gmail.com).

Garden clubs have so much to offer their communities through knowledge, experience and their willingness to share. Remember, *Service Through Action* is the recipe – start cooking in your community today!

Carol Bullard 2015-2017 Deep South Regional Director

Mission Statement for the Deep South Region

The Deep South Region is dedicated to advancing the objectives of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and to coordinating the interests and the projects of the six states in the region.

The primary objectives are horticulture, gardening, landscaping, floral design, civic beautification and environmental concerns, with emphasis on fellowship, scholarship, stewardship, and leadership.



**BE SURE TO SHARE *DEEP SOUTH MATTERS*
WITH YOUR CLUB, DISTRICT AND FRIENDS**



THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR IN THE NEW YEAR ...

Be thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means you have enough to eat.

Be thankful for the mess you clean up after a party, because it means you have been surrounded by friends.

Be thankful for the taxes you pay, because it means that you are employed.

Be thankful that your lawn needs mowing and your windows need washing, because it means you have a home.

Be thankful for your heating bill, because it means you are warm.

Be thankful for the laundry, because it means you have clothes to wear.

Be thankful for the lady who sings off-key behind you in church, because it means you can hear.

Be thankful people complain about the government, because it means we have freedom of speech.

Be thankful for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means you're alive.

Editor's Message

Editor's Welcome

Greetings to all!

Judgement, n. the act of judging, as the act of deciding on something; the act of judging truly, wisely, or skillfully; good sense; discernment; understanding; opinion or notion formed by judging or considering.

Having recently sat in on one of the panels at our Headquarters here in Florida to judge the Awards, I am reminded anew of the marvelous projects and work we Garden Clubbers are doing! It was a privilege to serve in this capacity and our wonderful Awards Chairman, Janice Hamlin, made it a fun and rewarding experience! Let's work even harder during the coming year to document the great things we are doing in the Deep South Region – so we will really SHINE when the time arrives to receive AWARDS. It's fun to have those "bragging rights" with the coveted certificates and monetary prizes. Let's really make Carol proud!!

If you have any questions about Awards, you may contact the Deep South Region Awards Chairman, Pat Young, 2844 Cyrene Drive, Hernando, MS 38632, 662-429-3060, patyoung@hughes.net. She is available to answer questions and provide guidance.

WOW, this fall season has just about "done me in" and alas, DSM is being published later than I'd hoped. We all really hit the ground running with new Garden Club projects this year, and your Editor has been swept along in the tide of activities and assignments! Am I getting older and slower? Could that be it? As they say, at times I would say that my "get up and go has got up and went" but I do work hard to get everything done! With your cooperation and support, Ron and I always work to produce a worthy publication that meets our high standards, with articles and material that you will find interesting, stimulating and inspiring.

There is much to read about in this issue of DSM, and I am sure you will find some topics that are helpful to you in your areas. We KNOW we have the BEST region in the entire NGC galaxy of stars! Also, we KNOW that we have the finest friends and relationships of any region! When we convene for a Convention or other event, it really is like a family reunion. One of the goals of DSM is to have us be

able to keep in touch throughout the year and to share our ideas, thoughts and plans throughout the region.

I HOPE YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON IS A TRULY WONDERFUL ONE and that you are finding time for those special get-togethers with family and friends that mean so much. My family is in Japan, where my son, a School Liaison Officer with the Navy, is stationed at the Yokosuka Naval Base outside Tokyo. Thank goodness for SKYPE! Today, as I write this, my granddaughter is playing the part of an angel in the Christmas Pageant at her school there. Ron and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to hearing from you in the New Year as you share news of all the great things that are happening in your state.

Jan

Jan Sillik, Editor of Deep South Matters Newsletter, DSR, NGC, Inc.

Reminder - The deadline for the Spring Issue of DSM is January 15th.



Gloria Blake (2013-2015 DSR Director) and DSM Editor, Jan Sillik, proudly display the NGC Award for the DSM Newsletter, received at the NGC Convention in Louisville, KY.

Regional Roundup

Alabama Jan Thomas

Fall is fast arriving with Alabama Gardeners working to put community and private gardens to rest. In the spring, they will begin preparing for the pollinators.



October is the time members of the Alabama Executive Board travel the state visiting districts. The following directors, Mimi Potthoff, District I; Peggy Hall, District II; Gwen Kelley, District III; Lamar Merrill, District IV; Pat May, District V; Carolyn Gray, District VI; Merrill Dillon, District VII; Linda Tucker, District VIII have worked with the host clubs in getting the word out that the “pollinators” are coming to their area. The Executive Board members will carry the State, Deep South and the National Projects to its members.

GCA is proud of the Fort Payne Garden Club that has gotten authorization to place a Blue Star Memorial Marker in the planned Patriots Park. Garden clubs work hard to earn the money to make these large purchases.

Every December, at the state capital building, GCA holds a tree lighting ceremony to honor our service men and women. The ceremony, Every Light a Prayer for Peace, follows a tea held at the Governor’s Mansion, or the capital building. For almost 65 years this has been a ceremony honoring the military service men and women for their bravery in keeping our nation safe. After 44 years at the capital, this ceremony has been done away with by the Governor to be replaced by another program. GCA is resilient. With the help and determination of former Deep South Director Mary Summerville; in 2016 the Every Light a Prayer for Peace will relocate to the American Village. The village is a place where visitors and children can relive this nation’s history. The military is remembered and there is a cemetery next to the village. With gratitude, the Garden Clubs of Alabama will write a new page in its history book.

Jan Thomas, President
Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.

Florida Arlene Rand

What a fantastic Fall this has been! The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Officers enjoyed their Annual Tour of the 12 Districts as each had their Fall Meetings. We always look forward to this time with members when it gives us the opportunity to hear the exciting projects planned for the coming two years and the clubs’ involvement with their communities, members and their youth. It gives us much valuable one-on-one time with the members, which we feel is so very important.



While I was gone, NGC Schools, Floral Design instruction, Flowers Show Courses and a Fall Symposium were in process. Each was very successful.

Looking ahead, Tropical Short Course will be held at Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach January 27-28, 2016. This is a NGC Tri-Refresher and not to be missed. Registrants will hear experts explain the proper use of herbicides, coastal dune management, native pollinators, plant diseases, landscape design and floral design. Experienced docents will lead tours of Mounts Botanical Gardens – definitely something of interest for all.

NGC Environmental Studies School, Courses III & IV, will continue in Silver Springs. Course III will be held March 20-21 and Course IV March 22-23, 2016. NGC Gardening Study School, Course II, will take place in Miramar, April 12-13.

NGC Landscape Design Courses will continue with New Smyrna Beach GC holding Course II on Feb 16-17, 2016. Course III will be held in Largo, March 15-16, 2016.

In addition, our members have enjoyed Garden Walks and festivals, flower shows, plant sales, and tours of homes. Port Richey GC even arranged a tour to the Ringling Garden and Museum for its members.

February 19-21, 2016, Wekiva Leadership Training will be held and we, of course, are looking forward to attending the Deep South Convention March 7 – 8, 2016.

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Our youth programs are well underway, with plans for the coming summer and the 2016 Convention and State Flower Show ready for completion.

Arlene S. Rand, President
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Georgia Martha Price

The Garden Club of Georgia has been so busy making sure that all of its members are educated on projects that promote "Service Through Action." Our Fall Board Meeting in Helen encouraged the Board to be active and move forward with the committees that they have under their leadership.



This president attended the National Board Meeting in St Louis, and then held her own Board Meeting in Helen, Georgia. She held an Orientation Meeting right after the Board Meeting. Since this administration had several new members on the Board, it was thought that they needed to be informed as to what, when and where to get things done.

A Children's Garden is in process for our State Botanical Gardens. We are excited about all that is planned for this adventure. We want to do all that we can to move our state forward for all ages.

We are doing special procedures and activities to promote membership in our organization, as well as promoting ways to keep our present membership vibrant. We are really getting involved in our communities to support what makes gardening and garden clubs great.

We have a project to make sure that our Bylaws and Policies are all correct. This has been a very worthwhile project, and we feel that it will serve everyone better. Our Guide is already online.

We are still doing Blue Star Memorial Markers, and some are on agenda to be erected. We just started a new

refurbishing grant to take care of those markers that need some attention due to wear and tear of the elements.

Our District Meetings are getting underway for this year. We have seven districts, and we have great programs planned for each district.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., has really been sowing seeds of knowledge; therefore, the reaping of conservation is beginning to show. Yes, this means beautification is being accomplished.

Martha Price
President
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Louisiana Jeanette Gatzman

Don't the first few cool days of fall feel wonderful! We are all invigorated and ready to get to work. Fall means District Meetings. We will hold our six Fall District Meetings in October. We all look forward to these meetings because it is a time to share ideas and information, make new friends and renew old friendships.

As part of Louisiana's Deep South Unified Regional Project we are using NGC's "The Frightened Frog." We have 90 clubs in LGCF and I asked each club to donate at least one copy of the book to a school library or a public library. So far we have ordered over 200 copies of "The Frightened Frog" from NGC. Looks like there will be a lot of "Frightened Frogs" in Louisiana libraries. Or should I say a lot fewer "frightened" frogs in Louisiana because the children of Louisiana will learn about conserving the frog's natural habitats in Louisiana.

NGC schools are alive and well in Louisiana. We just completed Environmental Study School, Series IV, Course I and II September 22-25, 2015 in Monroe, Louisiana. There were 22 in attendance, with 9 new students in course I and 7 new students in Course II. 13 attendees refreshed, and we have two students who only need one more refresher



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to become masters. Jean Gilstrap, Chairman, did a wonderful job and she is already working on next year's ESS.

Landscape Design School, Course II, Series XIX will be held in Baton Rouge October 26-27, 2015. Clara Earl is our Landscape Design Schools Chairman.

Sherri Labbe, Flower Show Schools, Symposia and Credentials Chairman, has announced the following:

Symposium will be held February 15-17, 2016 in Woodworth, Louisiana.

Flower Show School #2 – March 1-7, 2016

Flower Show School #3 – July 28-30, 2016

Flower Show School #4 – February 9-11, 2017

Dates for Gardening Study School will be announced in the near future by Chairman Carrie Martin.

Congratulations go to Welsh Garden Club for getting an amendment passed to the Welsh Litter Ordinance. Their amendment imposes mandatory monetary fines and required community service. The Welsh Chief of Police has announced he is ready to begin enforcing the new Litter Ordinance. Their efforts will go a long way to making Welsh a cleaner and more beautiful city.

LGCF Winter Board Meeting will be held January 18-19, 2016 at our headquarters in Lecompte, Louisiana.

Live Oak Society Chairman Coleen P. Landry reports our membership in the Live Oak Society is up to 7,780 live oaks – with 134 being added since our LGCF convention in April. Way to go, Coleen!

Jeanette Gatzman, President
Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc

LANDSCAPING TO CONSERVE ENERGY

THE BEST WINDBREAKS are dense evergreens with branches from ground level to a height of at least twice as tall as the building being sheltered. Northwesterly winds cause the most heat loss in winter, so plant with this in mind. A good tip: don't block southern windows, as they receive the most sun, and therefore heat, in winter.

Mississippi Debby Cooper



The Garden Clubs of Mississippi was proud and honored to co-sponsor the 60th annual Edward C. Martin Landscape Design Symposium at Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS, on October 21, 2015. This symposium is the longest running event of its kind. This year's event featured Mississippi State alumnus who returned to share their knowledge in landscape design and gardening. The Garden Clubs of Mississippi offers three scholarships to Mississippi State University annually in Landscape Architecture, Horticulture and Forest Resources. Donations and State Life Memberships fund these scholarships. This symposium offers educational opportunities for Garden Study Consultants, Landscape Design Consultants, Master Gardeners and the home gardener.

The Garden Clubs of Mississippi is excited to host the 2016 Deep South Convention in Tunica, MS, and we look forward to seeing all of our Deep South friends.

Debby Cooper, President
The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

Tennessee Pamela L. Dowd



On Oct. 8-9, 2015, TFGC held its 62nd Conservation Camp at Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns, TN. We were honored to have NGC President Sandy Robinson and Deep South Regional Director Carol Bullard in attendance for both days. Campers were interested in hearing about the programs and projects of NGC and DSR. Prominent speakers from the TN world of conservation were: Mack Prichard, State Naturalist and Archaeologist Emeritus; Randy Hedgepath, State Naturalist; Dr. David Hill, cofounder of TN Naturalist Org.; Rodger McCoy, TN Dept. of Environment and Conservation; Bobby Fulcher, Park Manager for Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail (TFGC's

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Land Trust project); and Park Rangers who spoke on and exhibited TN snakes and TN raptors. Programs on bees, Monarch butterflies, pollinator gardens, backyard habitats, greyhound dog rescue, and workshops on crafts using recycled materials rounded out the itinerary. One highlight of the camp was building bluebird houses made to specifications for use on Bluebird Trails, which we hope to have more of across the state. Sandy and Carol, armed with battery powered drills and Phillips head screwdrivers, expertly assisted some of our members with the construction of their bluebird houses. Fifty of our campers were pleased with the fruits of their labor and with taking such "fine" bluebird houses home with them. The attendance was good (114). Our members went home with a wealth of conservation information and knowledge to share with their clubs and with renewed determination to be better stewards of our communities and our world.

We are looking forward to our Fall District Membership Meetings (4) where trees, butterflies and pollinator gardens will be the featured programs. During Nov. and early Dec., our "Fun with Flowers" design programs will be held in each district as educational and ways and means projects for the districts and TFGC. On Dec. 4, we will travel to our headquarters, Ivan Racheff House and Gardens in Knoxville, for the "Greens Tea," our TFGC holiday celebration. Awards Workshops were held in Chattanooga and Nashville. We have celebrated several garden clubs' 60th Anniversaries, along with staging club and fair flower shows, dedicating a butterfly garden and attending design programs. TFGC is proud to have three new youth garden clubs and a new garden club as part of our federation of clubs. Our membership has been as busy as our TN pollinators. Our plans for the remainder of this administration anticipate a bright future for more successful and enjoyable projects and events for our "Volunteers in Action."

Pamela L. Dowd
2015-2017 TFGC President

DID YOU KNOW?

POINSETTIAS are named after Joel Poinsett, a botanist who became the first U. S. Ambassador to Mexico. He's credited with bringing the poinsettia to the United States from Mexico, where it originated. Bright red poinsettias have been a symbol of Christmas since the 17th century when Franciscan priests living in Mexico noticed that they bloom during the Advent season.

The Official Deep South Butterfly is the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Diet:

Larvae eat leaves of woody plants like wild cherry, tulip, birch, cottonwood and willow.

Adults eat nectar of honeysuckle, lilac, buddleia, albelia and Joe Pye weed.

Make sure you have some of these plants in your yard to provide nourishment for our lovely "flying flowers," the butterflies! In the Deep South Region, we voted a few years ago to have the **Eastern Tiger Swallowtail** as our butterfly. To read more about this butterfly, Google it. You can find beautiful photos and all the pertinent information so you will know all about our butterfly!

Thoughts for the New Year

After a while you learn the subtle difference between holding a hand and chaining a soul.

And you learn that love doesn't mean leaning and company doesn't mean security.

And you begin to learn that kisses aren't contracts and presents aren't promises.

And you begin to accept your defeats with your head up and your eyes open, with the grace of an adult, not the grief of a child.

And you learn to build all your roads on today because tomorrows ground is too uncertain for plans.

After a while you learn that even sunshine burns if you get too much.

So plant your garden and decorate your own soul, instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.

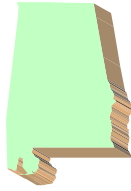
And you learn that you really can endure...that you really are strong...and that you really do have worth.

from The National Gardener

Calendar of Events

Alabama

April 3-5, 2016 State convention,
Montgomery, AL



Florida

Jan 13-15, 2016 - Board of Directors Meeting, Winter Park

Mar 12-13, 2016 - Secret Garden
Tour, Stuart Garden Club

Apr 17-19, 2016 - FFGC State Convention,
Orlando

Sep 14-15, 2016 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Winter Park



Georgia

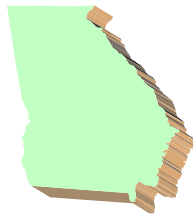
Jan 13-14, 2016 - GCG State Board
Meeting, Milledgeville, GA

March 1-2, 2016 – Gardening Study
School - Rome, GA

Mar 7-8, 2016 - Deep South
Convention, Mississippi

Apr 13-14, - 2016 GCG Annual Meeting, Macon, GA

Sep 13-14, 2016 - GCG State Board Meeting, Peachtree
City, GA



Louisiana

Jan 17-23, 2016 - LGCF Tour - Saint
Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

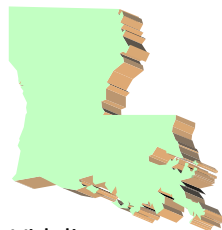
Jan 18-19, 2016 - Winter Council
Meeting at Headquarters

Mar 7-8, 2016 - DS Convention -
Horseshoe Casino Tunica

Apr 12-13, 2016 - LGCF, Inc. Convention - Vidalia
LA

Jun 12-18, 2016 - LGCF Tour - Amish Country Quilt Gardens

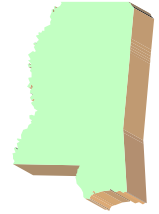
March 27-28, 2017 - 2017 Deep South Convention,
Harrah's, New Orleans, LA



Mississippi

Apr 12-13, 2016 - GCM 87th Annual
Convention, Ocean Springs

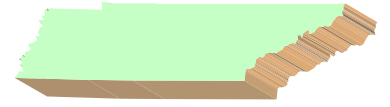
June 25, 2016 - Statewide Flower Show –
“Life’s A Garden, Dig It!” - Madison
Square Center for The Arts, 2103 Main
St., Madison, 39110



Tennessee

Apr 14 – 15, 2016 - TFGC
Flower Show "Actions
within Our Gardens" -

Embassy Suites Nashville SE - Murfreesboro, 1200
Conference Center Boulevard, Murfreesboro, TN



Sep 27 – 28, 2016 - Gardening Study Course II -
Reflection Riding Arboretum, 400 Garden Road,
Chattanooga, TN

RESOLVE

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to
get it right.

Oprah Winfrey

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to
succeed is more important than any one thing.

Abraham Lincoln

If you set goals and go after them with all the
determination you can muster, your gifts will take
you places that will amaze you.

Les Brown

Character is the ability to carry out a good
resolution long after the excitement of the moment
has passed.

Unknown

Marie's Musings

Confessions and Resolutions

After all these years of gardening, I've learned a great deal about my role as a gardener and keeper of my piece of the earth. Once my primary goal was to have a beautiful garden; now I know that is not enough. I know now that my choices of shrubs and trees, perennials and annuals, and all my gardening practices make an impact on the environment and welfare of the earth.

Throughout my life, I have chosen plants that delight me. New plant selections are introduced every year, and it has been my goal to try as many of them as I could. My choices included all the colorful flowers, unusual shrubs, herbs, and anything else that struck my fancy. My interest in floral design demanded a certain group of plants. So in came *Cyperus* so useful for its long straight stems. In came *Pittosporum* and *Podocarpus*, *Fatsia japonica*, *Aucuba japonica*, horsetail rush, and many more. *Aspidistra* and asparagus fern were, I thought, necessary. Little thought was given to the impact of these plants on the environment.

During Flower Show Schools and Symposia, I taught about various groups of plants. Of course, I felt that I should grow the plants before I taught others about them. In came every species I could secure of such plants as *Philodendron*, *Sansevieria*, and *Hedera*. Cacti and succulents of many shapes and sizes, as well as crotons, ferns, ginger, and gesneriads joined the crowd. Crowns of thorns, bromeliads, and a large assortment of houseplants soon increased my collections to a hard-to-manage number.

In my naivety, I wanted an insect free garden. I didn't want plants with holes chewed in them by bugs. So I bought insecticides to kill them if they dared to mar the beauty of my treasures. The immaculate lawn became the pride of Amiable Spouse and the envy of the neighborhood. We didn't even think about the consequences of keeping the lawn pest free and the plants and flowers without blemish.

About the time we managed to make our garden a virtual showplace, I learned that the birds and butterflies I so admire are in trouble – not to mention all the pollinators that make possible most of our fruits and vegetables. I realized that some of my gardening practices were to blame for their difficulties. These realizations brought about some changes in choices for my garden and in my

lecture and writing topics. Now I'm trying to protect and increase the population of insects in my garden. Exotic plants are being replaced by native plants that attract and support wildlife.

The longer I garden, the more I learn. Now I am very cognizant of how my gardening practices affect wildlife. I now know that insects are not only necessary for birds to rear their young, but they are key species upon which many higher life forms depend. Now I know how insecticides impact wildlife, including pollinators. I began to realize that I should be gardening to attract insects to my garden – not to get rid of them. I learned which plants hosted our native butterflies, and I began adding them to my garden. I saw birds eating berries and saw them searching for insects among the shrubbery and mulch in the garden. As I watched them building nests and rearing young, I began to realize that I had been doing them a disservice.

I'm not a purist. I enjoy my houseplants, and very few of them are native. I love the colorful caladiums in the summer garden, and I enjoy having plant material for floral designs. I do not intend to dig and discard my camellias. However, I have resolved to choose native plants from now on, and when one of my exotic species dies or otherwise becomes unsightly, I intend to replace it with a native plant. I have determined to use insecticides sparingly and very selectively.

Maybe the choices I make from now on will help to mitigate some of my past mistakes. Perhaps my writing and teaching will encourage other gardeners and increase their awareness of the consequences of their gardening choices. Maybe all together we in the Deep South Region can make a positive difference to the bees, butterflies, and other wildlife that are essential to life as we know it.

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www.mariesgardenanddesign.com.



Features

GARDEN THERAPY

GARDENING THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

“Working with plants will teach you all other social commitments in a soothing way...” — Karthikeyan V

What better place to ‘grow’ special family memories than in a garden? Gardening with your kids or grandkids at home or at a community garden not only provides the tangible benefits of exercise and fresh food, it also fosters communication, builds strong relationships, and offers an opportunity to work towards a common goal. Want your kids to develop a love of gardening? Get them growing early! Kids as young as preschool age are thrilled to plant seeds and watch their baby plants sprout from the soil and turn into big plants. <http://www.kidsgardening.org/family-gardening>

The Montessori School of Rome, Georgia embraces the



idea that working with your hands, with nature, and with all generations will make a well-rounded individual. In early childhood, Montessori students learn through sensory-motor activities, working with materials that develop their cognitive powers through direct experience: seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling, touching, and movement. At MSOR, the community is welcome to enter the grounds and be part of the activities for the students. A special person garden day is held each year. Students make plant or garden related invitations. Those who cannot write receive help from the older students. A special person comes to the school bringing items that are special for the student. A day of fun, fellowship, sharing, and planting then takes place. Each classroom has a garden that is enjoyed by the students for lunch and breaks. A local

garden club has remade picnic tables, adjusted the xylophone, and helped with planting.

The term “generational gardening” combined with “service in action” can be easily applied to the school gardening program. A great grandmother enjoys explaining the beauty of container gardens to a four-year-old, while the grandfather gives lessons on cleaning vegetables. The benefits of such activities are widespread. The older individuals feel a sense of satisfaction that the younger generation is taking an interest in something that will provide food, color, and enjoyment. The Montessori School has done a tremendous job of making their projects a community activity by including all ages. **Service Through Action** is evident since projects are a type of therapy beneficial to all who are involved



Diane J. Harbin, DSR Garden Therapy Chairman
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“If we as gardeners and leaders in Reconciliation Ecology do the work and education involved in incorporating the concept into our way of thinking and doing, we will save countless species from certain extinction. We will preserve life as we know it and ensure that our children and great grandchildren enjoy the benefits of bees, butterflies and myriad creatures that inhabit our earth. Reconciliation Ecology is a concept whose time has come.”

*Marie Harrison,
Life Member NGC, FFGC,
UF/IFAS Master Gardener*

Features

BUSY AS A BEE

The air is getting crisp and flowers are at their peak. Bees are busy collecting all the pollen they can, because they know soon most of the nectar plants will be gone. But have you ever thought about where do the bees go? Each insect has its own way of dealing with cold temperatures. Different species of bees have different ways of coping with the cold, from hibernation to dying and putting energy into future generations.

Honeybees stop flying when the weather drops below 50 degrees. Below that all bees huddle around the queen bee at the center of the cluster vibrating their wings in order to keep the center around 80 degrees. On warmer days bees will venture out for short flights to eliminate body waste. They do not go far because if their body gets too cold they might not be able to return to the hive.



Mason Bees are solitary bees, which means each female bee makes her own nest and there is no designation between queen and worker bees. Inside the nest, eggs hatch into larvae and feed on pollen which is left by the mother bee. After a larvae finishes feeding on the pollen it spins a cocoon in which it remains inactive throughout the whole summer. In the fall, the larvae molt into pupae and then into adults. They spend the winter as adults in the cocoon and then emerge in early spring to start another generation.

The female Leaf Cutter Bee has carefully closed each cell with enough provision for her offspring. After the eggs hatch each larva feeds on the bee bread inside its cell until it changes into a pupa. After a period of inactivity, it will emerge as an adult and begin the cycle again.

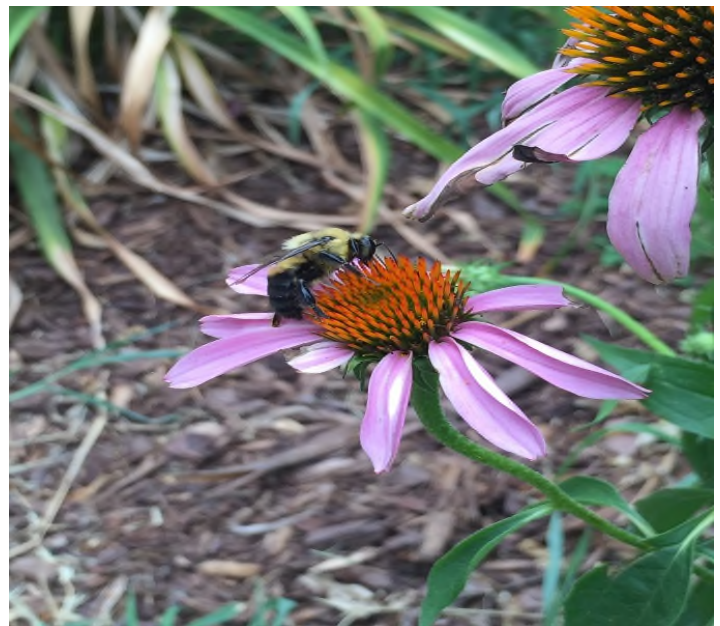
With Solitary bees you can have a cocoon harvest party. Mason bees harvesting should be now, and leaf cutter bees between November and January. Great Junior Gardener project. Get the students involved in opening the reeds.

I read recently in the newspaper that Hobbyists, not commercial interests, may be source of flourishing bee population. I like to think that I am one of those Hobbyist that is helping to back the bee.

Whether it is the honey bee or the native bees we can all make a difference. Plant it and they will come!! Now is the time to start thinking about what plants you are going to plant for next year's pollinators. Read all the labels when buying plants from Commercial stores as well as Nurseries. As we all know, avoid pesticides and let's keep our gardens chemical free.



Christy Linke



Safe Haven ... Carolina wrens are permanent residents in the South, and pairs of wrens often maintain the same territories throughout the year. Don't be surprised if a wren shows up in your yard to remodel a nest to use it again in the spring.

Features

LET'S MULTIPLY OUR MEMBERSHIP

As the garden club year moves into full swing, we need to plan for activities that publicize to the community the wonderful things we do and the fun we have! Share this enthusiasm, pass it along, let the world know how much you enjoy being a member of the garden club. It's important to have a positive attitude and to let everyone know about the joys of gardening, floral designing, and all the various projects and activities that we do!

As you work in your areas, consider wearing shirts that have your garden club's names on them. This is a sure-fire way to call attention to your membership in a garden club! Promote your garden club by word of mouth and by placing flyers or brochures at the various events in your community that are related to garden club objectives.

If you do NOT have a Membership Brochure, make plans to publish one and then be sure to place brochures around your area in stores, beauty salons, gardening shops, libraries, and so on.

Volunteer to offer gardening advice at your local plant sales and at gardening events such as Tree Giveaways, etc. Make a personal contact by inviting those who seem to share interests to attend a garden club meeting. Be a mentor to a new member!

Partner with the Master Gardeners in your area. They are a great source for new members. They also are a natural fit for the garden club, due to their shared interests and the willingness to take on jobs!

Remember, there may be someone you know who is just waiting to be invited to join your club!

With friendliness, a welcoming attitude and enthusiasm, along with a follow-up plan and persistence, WE CAN LEAP INTO ACTION and go out and recruit new members!



BEE A WILDLIFE ACTION HERO!

COMMIT TO GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE

Here is an NGC Project that is worthy of consideration. It's something we are already doing, so it will be fun to document our efforts and to receive recognition and monetary prizes!

\$500 annually will be awarded to the garden club with the largest percentage of its members committing to garden for wildlife at their homes in the preceding calendar year (excluding those committed in previous years). Commitment validations will be available on the website and should be included with the award application.

\$250 annually will be awarded to the garden club committing the largest percentage of public places to garden for wildlife in the preceding calendar year (excluding those committed in previous years) compared to the size of the club. Commitment validations will be available on the website and should be included with the award application.

\$250 annually will be awarded to the junior garden club with the largest percentage of its members committing to garden for wildlife at their homes and schools in the preceding calendar year (excluding those committed in previous years). Each individual home commitment will be worth one point and each school commitment will be worth five points. Commitment validations will be available on the website and should be included with the award application.

Certificates of Participation will be given for each award application.

Send applications to **BEE A WILDLIFE ACTION HERO!**

Chairman: **Becky Hasselbroek**, 518 Slater Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99701-3443 - (907)456-3066 - (907)590-7895 (C) beckyhass@aol.com

FLUFFING UP TO KEEP WARM – It's something we notice, birds fluff up their feathers in winter as this helps retain body heat. Birds use tiny muscles in their skin to raise their feathers and this traps insulating layers of air. To have this be more effective, most birds grow 25% to 30% more feathers in winter. Pretty smart, huh!

Noteworthy Projects from around the Region

TFGC CONSERVATION CAMPERS BUILD BLUEBIRD HOUSES

One of the craft workshops at the annual TFGC Conservation Camp held in October was “Build a Bluebird House, Create a Bluebird Trail” conducted by Linda Kelly, TFGC Bluebird Chairman from Signal Mountain, TN. Linda and her club, Evening Garden Club of Signal Mountain, have established, aided in establishing and monitored many bluebird trails scattered across the Chattanooga area. Some are:

1. Nickajack Dam—forty-eight bluebird houses raising over 350 babies over a three year period
2. Assisted Lookout Mt. Beautiful Garden Club in monitoring thirteen bluebird houses raising over 100 babies
3. Placed twenty bluebird houses 150 yards apart on Signal Mt. Golf Course, raising 400 babies in four years
4. Placed four bluebird houses at Nolan elementary School where students monitored and kept journals in their outdoor classroom learning to protect and conserve the environment
5. Assisted Garden Club of Signal Mt. in monitoring seventy bluebird houses for a year.

Four bluebird houses placed no closer than 150 yards apart constitute a Bluebird Trail. In TN, Bluebird Trails are monitored from early March until late August. Bluebirds are native to North America, and will stay in TN year round. This workshop was an incentive to create more Bluebird Trails across Tennessee. Fifty campers, along with NGC President Sandy Robinson and Deep South Regional Director Carol Bullard, honed their skills with drills and

screwdrivers and built bluebird house to specifications of Audubon and Cornell for use on Bluebird Trails. With donations, campers built bluebird houses for \$5.76 plus \$3.00 for the metal pole. These bluebird houses sell for \$35.00 - \$40.00.



Noteworthy Projects from around the Region



TIMELY TIPS FOR PROPAGATING HOLLY

The easiest way to start holly is to bury part of a branch while it's still attached to the plant. To make sure it stays in place, hold the branch down with a weight or wire. Some suggest scratching the bark off the branch where it touches the soil. You also can simply cut some branches and then root them in a vase of water. Once roots appear, place the branches in a small pot filled with potting soil. Keep in a warm place with ample light. Another method is to take cuttings, dipping the cut ends in rooting hormone and placing in a potting mix that drains well. Keep covered with a vented transparent lid, moist but not wet. Remember, to produce berries, at least one male plant is needed for every two or three female plants. So, make sure to start both male and female varieties.

THE TUPELO TREE

Wildlife make use of tupelo trees. The fleshy fruit and seeds are slightly bitter for people but are readily eaten by wood ducks, squirrels, deer and turkey. Hollow trees provide homes for woodpeckers, flying squirrels and raccoons. The boughs provide nesting habitat for insects, birds, and small mammals.

Honey producers that have tupelo trees near their hives get a unique honey – very light and mild tasting. Honey that sits for a while will eventually begin to drop sugar out of suspension. The granulated sugar settles to the bottom of a jar. Honey made from tupelo nectar will not granulate and will keep almost indefinitely.

Beekeepers can gain another benefit from tupelo. Tupelo trunks often become hollow inside and make a great home for bee colonies. Bee keepers in the southern United States historically used tupelo trunks for hives, hence another popular name, “bee gum.” To make a tupelo hive, a beekeeper placed a hollow trunk section on a crate with a board on top. Bees could enter and exit from the bottom through a small hole in the side.

In some areas of the south, beekeepers keep beehives along river swamps on platforms or floats during tupelo bloom to produce certified tupelo honey. This honey commands a high price on the market because of its flavor.

Unfortunately, in many areas, tupelo supply is low, due primarily to the small remaining habitat. Every tupelo tree planted helps remedy the declining population. So, when considering ornamental plants in and around ponds, don't overlook this tree. It will reward you with its golden fall color, not to mention its usefulness. This is definitely a tree worthy of recognition and respect.

*Reprinted in excerpted form from HORTENSIA, the Newsletter of the Garden Club of Alabama, Inc. Editor, Mary Summerville.
Editor's Note: This Editor remembers well the wonderful Tupelo Honey produced by a great uncle – a grandfather's brother over in the far west panhandle area of Florida. This was a delicacy for us as I grew up, and indeed, it would not “sugar” and had the most beautiful golden color and the MOST delicious flavor!*

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS

DEDICATED MEMBERS ACCOMPLISH GOAL

This is a true story of what one small federated garden club with only twenty members can do when members set their minds to it.

In the quaint Town of Welsh, LA the Welsh Garden Club, working with the Mayor and Town Council, created a Litter Ordinance to amend an ordinance which was already on the books. The ordinance had no teeth in it, nor clarifying definitions. The following is the result.

Proposition No. 250 Ordinance No. 754

Sec. 18-75 is hereby amended to read as follows: Simple littering prohibited; intentional littering prohibited; gross littering prohibited; criminal penalties; court costs.

Then the definitions followed with the penalties and costs for each offense listed. (For brevity we are not listing the definitions, only the penalties.)

- A. Simple littering
First Offense - \$75 fine or 8 hours community service
Second Offense - \$200 up to \$500 fine or 16 to 32 hours community service
- B. Intentional littering
First Offense - \$200 fine and 8 hours community service
Second Offense - \$250 fine and 16 hours community service
Third Offense - \$300 fine and 16 hours community service
- C. Gross littering
First Offense - \$400 fine and 10 hours community service
Second Offense - \$450 fine and 20 hours community service
Third Offense - \$500 fine and 40 hours community service

The Louisiana Garden Club Federation is so very proud of the Welsh Garden Club and commends them for their efforts. Since Louisiana is the birth place of the Cleanest City Contest, we recommend that all the Deep South states take a look at this accomplishment and implement this ordinance in your village, town or city. It will improve your state's looks and help to make your hometown a place where new businesses will want to set up shop.

Margo Racca, Legislative Chairman

GET INVOLVED

Our magnificent Scenic America Heritage is threatened by an onslaught from over-development in certain areas, and over-use of roadside billboards. As we travel, we see that huge billboards, strip malls, power lines, cellular towers and the general clutter of contemporary life create eyesores in many areas of our beautiful country. Farmlands and forests are replaced by subdivisions and office parks. We are not protecting our springs, lakes, oceans and reefs. As we know, air and water pollution are worsening.

Through Legislative Action, we CAN be involved with reversing this trend! We, as garden club members, can work to regain control so that the places we love CAN improve. Future generations will know the beauty of the United States that was bequeathed to us. With the right information and a lot of determination, we **can** have an impact!

In your area, GET INVOLVED! PARTICIPATE! The Highway Beautification Act (HBA) was one of Lady Bird Johnson's enduring contributions to this country, but after more than 30 years, it needs some updating. As we may remember, the act called for highway landscaping, the screening of junkyards. It set the standards for controlling the placement and maintenance of billboards.

Sadly, the number of billboards is rising by several thousand annually. The HBA does not adequately protect many of our rural and scenic areas from overuse and improper placement of billboards. Each year thousands of trees are cut down to improve visibility for billboards!

Let's make our voices heard! Alert your Legislators when you see improper attention to the protection of the beauties of Scenic America!

Excerpted from an article in The National Gardener
Jan Sillik

RECYCLING TIP - Instead of tossing your old gas grill, consider removing the insides and turning it into a handy potting station. It will work great; you can hang your cooking tools (tongs etc.) on the hooks by the side tables. Also, you can roll it anywhere you want in the yard!

FOCUS ON YOUTH

GREAT IDEAS TO SHARE ...

The Garden Club of Jacksonville, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., has begun a new program to nurture and teach our youth the joys of gardening. Here are excerpts from an article that ran recently in the local Community News newspaper in Jacksonville:

GARDEN CAMPS OFFERED FOR BUDDING GARDENERS

The Garden Club of Jacksonville is planting a special kind of seed, hoping to grow budding gardeners to keep vitality in the organization.

When the Youth Gardening Program was reinstated five years ago, Master Gardener Aline Clement found early success partnering with a local Girl Scout Troop to offer classes in horticulture and floral design. Aline said, "I wanted to offer something that would be an outreach to the youth of our community, and also wanted to offer a program our members could take advantage of for their children and grandchildren."

Clement and other garden club members brainstormed to come up with Budding Gardeners' Gardening Camps. We targeted children in grades 1-6 for this program. To test the waters, we have set up three gardening camps between now and the end of our year in May, each with a different educational theme. We believe that by nurturing a child's natural curiosity about nature and love of gardening, we help create gardeners for life – and perhaps future garden club members!"

The first camp, "Lettuce Plant a Garden" was held recently and proved to be quite a success! Participants planted seeds and seedlings to grow edible salad plants in four to five weeks in a large bowl. Children decorated the bowls and took them home. The next camp, "Our Fine Feathered Friends," will be held on February 6th, 2016, and campers will learn how to use binoculars, make a suet cake, gather nesting materials and make a bird-themed craft.

The final event, "To Mom, With Love," is planned for May 7th, when campers will learn about the life cycle of butterflies and learn how to attract them to their yards. Campers will create a lovely floral gift to give to someone they love on Mother's Day.

The camps are free, but advance registration is required because there is a limit of 20 campers. The club needs to know the number of attendees in order to purchase supplies. All camps are held from 10 AM to noon in the Club Room of the Garden Center. Contact information was given for registering a child. All children were to be accompanied by adults.

Editor's Note: Excerpted with permission from an article in the RESIDENT -Community News publication, Jacksonville, Florida, November, 2015 Issue, authored by Kate A. Hallock

RECOGNITION FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS

Many clubs have noteworthy projects and imaginative activities that they are doing with Youth. The Deep South Region offers the following award for Junior Gardening programs. You might consider adding a program to your plans for 2016 if you don't have one already! DO plan to apply for an Award!

Contact the Deep South Region Awards Chairman, Pat Young, with your applications and for information: 2844 Cyrene Drive, Hernando, MS 38632, #662-429-3060, patwyong@hughes.net

Editor's Note: Your DSM Editor would appreciate hearing about youth projects and programs in your areas and states. Please send in articles and photos for future issues of DSM; we will happily showcase the material! As we know, our YOUTH ARE OUR FUTURE!

Junior Garden Club Award

Donor: The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

An annual cash award of \$25 may be awarded to the highest scoring Junior Garden Club sponsored by a State Garden Club, which, through its own efforts, has been successful in promoting all phases of garden club work. Grades: preschool through sixth.

State winners must be sent to DSR Junior Gardeners Chairman Sandra McCaulla, 662-417-5623, flower@elizabeth.lib.ms.us - no later than January 25.

"The future of our clubs and state organizations depends on developing the abilities and enthusiasms of those who will follow us and will lead us into tomorrow." This is a quote from Robin Pokorski, **NGC Leap Into Leadership** Chairman, 2015-2017.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Course I

March 23-25, 2016 - Bradenton, FL
 Registrar: Christy Linke (732) 322-8392
 Instructors: FSP & Horticulture: Tina Tuttle
 Design: Gina Jogan

Course II

March 1-3, 2016 - Lafayette, LA
 Registrar: Mary Jane Peters (978) 580-2864
 Instructors: FSP: Gina Jogan
 Design: Dianne Cains
 Horticulture: Sue Kirkman - *geranium and holly*

March 14-17, 2016 - Johns Creek, GA
 Registrar: Cookie Roland (770) 972-0219
 Instructors: Design: Trece Chancellor
 FSP & Horticulture: Carolyn Hawkins

Course III

Feb 2-4, 2016 - Port St. Lucie, FL
 Registrar: Michele Myers (561) 308-4260
 Instructors:
 FSP & Design: Barbara May
 Horticulture: Jim Schmidt - annuals / biennials:
pelargonium & succulents; *cacti: echeveria*

Course IV

March 20-23, 2016 - Fort Meyers, FL
 Registrar: Terry Pinck (239) 368-5615
 Instructors: FSP & Design: Gina Jogan
 Horticulture: Tina Tuttle - *begonias and flowering bromeliads*

NGC ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY SCHOOL

Course III

March 20-21, 2016 - Silver Springs, FL (pending approval)
 Chairman: Judy Greenberg
 352-871-1094 judymg@gmail.com

Course IV

March 22-23, 2016 - Silver Springs, FL (pending approval)
 Chairman: Judy Greenberg
 352-871-1094 judymg@gmail.com

GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL

Course I

Mar 29, 30, 2016 – Reflection Riding Arboretum & Nature Center, 400 Garden Road, Chattanooga, TN

Course II

April 12-13, 2016 – Miramar, FL (pending approval)
 Chairman: Marylou Ruiz
 305-822-2717 hazeleyes58@comcast.net

Sep 27, 28, 2016 – Reflection Riding Arboretum & Nature Center, 400 Garden Road, Chattanooga, TN

Course III

March 1-2, 2016 - Rome, GA
 State Chairman: Jackie Fulmer (770) 722-8229

Required Reading: The reading for this course is the NGC subscription publication [The National Gardener magazine](#). There are several ways to order the magazine and there is more information available on the NGC website.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY COURSES

Course II

Feb. 16-17, 2016 - New Smyrna Beach, FL
 Chairman: Sally Flanagan
 386-428-3170 sfflan@aol.com

Course III

March 15-16, 2016 – Sarasota, FL
 Chairman: Maida Atkins
 941-488-4373 maidatkins2103@gmail.com

Course IV

November 16-17, 2016 - Sarasota, FL
 State Chairman: Karen Gott (954) 295-7205

Feb 7-8, 2017, Hosted by New Smyrna Beach GC, New Smyrna Beach,

Required Reading: The reading for this course is the book “Stewards of the Land” along with the NGC subscription publication [The National Gardener magazine](#). “Stewards of the Land” and *The National Gardener* are available from the NGC Online Store. *Newscape* is the NGC Landscape Design Newsletter

- *Newscape* Spring 2014
- *Newscape* Fall 2013
- *Newscape* Spring 2013
- *Newscape* Spring 2012
- *Newscape* Fall 2011

NGC TRI-REFRESHER—TROPICAL SHORT COURSE

Jan. 27-28, 2016 - West Palm Beach
 Chairman: Nancy Richards
 561-274-0185 nancyrichards@gmail.com

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Feb 15-17, 2016 - Woodworth, LA
 Registrar: Sherri Labbe (985) 851-3593
 Instructors:
 Design: Trece Chancellor - dine-a-rama, allied topic: point score comments
 Horticulture: Gay Austin - container-grown herbs, allied topic: subdividing horticulture

April 3-5, 2016 - Estero, FL
 Registrar: Glenda Dawson (863) 816-4618
 Instructors:
 Design: Claudia Bates - multi-rhythmic and creative abstract
 Horticulture: David Robson - *philodendrons & arboreals*
 Allied Topic Kathleen Hawryluk - the all purpose palm

Winter Cutting Garden

Winter is a wonderful time to bring clippings of greenery from our yards into our homes – to decorate for the holiday season, and well, just to decorate our homes by bringing nature indoors. Making sure to choose shrubs and trees that will provide lovely cuttings during the winter will add immense beauty and functionality to our landscaping. It’s nice to give our yards winter interest.

Because cool-season temperatures in the South are often tolerable and even comfortable, it’s the perfect time of the year to plant dormant trees and shrubs. If planted now, the new plantings will have time to slowly acclimate to their new location as the soil warms in the spring.

Remember when you cut greenery for inside decorations, you are actually pruning your trees and shrubs. Think carefully about which limbs to cut and how the plant will grow after pruning. Distribute pruning cuts evenly, and be sure to maintain the natural form of each plant.

Unless the ground is frozen, you can continue planting trees and shrubs during the winter in the south. Keeping everything well-watered through the winter season is important to the survival of the plants. Remember to allow room around the newly planted trees and shrubs for future growth.

WINTER WINNERS – Here are some excellent choices that you will enjoy in a winter garden:
Acuba, a 3 to 4 ft. shrub that will add striking foliage to the garden.
Elaeagnus, 12 ft. tall and wide. Fast growing and makes a good screening plant.
Lenten rose, 12 to 14 inches tall. When massed can make a wonderful ground cover in shady areas.
Nandina, Grows upright and produces massive clusters of berries to garnish everygreen wreathes.

KNOW YOUR STATE FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR STATE

Please note the DSR States' Websites included. It's a good idea to check your state website on a regular basis – an important source of information.

Alabama

Flower: Camellia
Wildflower: Oakleaf Hydrangea
Tree: Longleaf Pine
Bird: Yellowhammer
Butterfly: Monarch



The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.
<http://xl1.esiteasp.com/gca/home.nxg>

Louisiana

Flower: Magnolia
Wildflower: Louisiana Iris
Tree: Bald Cypress
Bird: Brown Pelican



Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
<http://www.lgcfinc.org/>

Florida

Flower: Orange Blossom
Wildflower: Coreopsis
Tree: Sabal Palm
Bird: Mockingbird
Butterfly: Monarch



Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
<https://ffgc.wildapricot.org/>

Mississippi

Flower: Magnolia
Wildflower: Coreopsis
Tree: Magnolia Grandiflora
Bird: Mockingbird
Butterfly: Spicebush Swallowtail



The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.
<http://msclubs.esiteasp.com/mississippi/home.nxg>

Georgia

Flower: Cherokee Rose
Wildflower: Wild Azalea
Tree: Live Oak
Bird: Brown Thrasher
Butterfly: Tiger Swallowtail



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/>

Tennessee

Flower: Purple Iris
Wildflower: Passion Flower
Tree: Tulip Poplar
Bird: Mockingbird
Butterfly: Tiger Swallowtail



Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
<http://www.tfgconline.org/>

Southern Bouquet
2016 Deep South Region Convention
March 6 – 8, 2016

Horseshoe Hotel and Resort
1021 Casino Center Drive
Robinsonville, Mississippi

Hosted by
The Garden Clubs of
Mississippi, Inc.



Sunday, March 6th – 6:30 PM – Opening Dinner

Monday, March 7th – Deep South Region Council
meeting and Deep South

Region Business meeting, Lunch, Workshops, Vendors.
Reception honoring NGC President, Sandy Robinson and
Awards Banquet

Tuesday, March 8th – Deep South Region Business Meeting, Lunch,
Workshops, Vendors and final event -
Design Banquet featuring Tracy Proctor

Deadline for registration and hotel room reservation – February 5, 2016
Room rate \$75.00 plus tax

Hotel reservations should be made online to avoid additional fees
using this link found on the website

<http://www.totalrewards.com/hotel-reservations?propCode=UTU&groupCode=S03NGC6>

Convention Registration Form will be on the website in the near future
(www.dsregion.org)

For more information, contact Cindy Allgood,
Convention Chairman, at 662-934-7606

**2016 Deep South Region Convention
Tentative Schedule of Events
“Spring Bouquet”
March 6-8, 2016
Horseshoe Hotel and Roadhouse Hotel**

Sunday, March 6

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Convention Registration	Horseshoe Hotel Lobby
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Educational Exhibits Setup	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Meeting Room
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm	Cocktails, Cash Bar	Horseshoe Founders Club
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Dinner	Horseshoe Founders Club
8:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Horseshoe, Founders Club

Monday, March 7

8:00 am - 10:00 am	Cash Breakfast Bar	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Foyer
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Convention Registration (closed during lunch)	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Foyer
8:00 am - 8:00 pm	Flower Workroom Open	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Ballroom
8:00 am - 7:00 pm	Vendors Open	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Foyer
9:00 am - 10:00 am	DSR Council Meeting	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Meeting Room
10:15 am – 11:45 am	DSR Business Meeting Open	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Meeting Room
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Opening Luncheon	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Ballroom
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Workshop 1	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Meeting Room
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Workshop 2	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Meeting Room
6:15 pm - 7:15 pm	Cocktails, Cash Bar	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Foyer
7:00 pm	Awards Banquet	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Ballroom

Tuesday, March 8

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Cash Breakfast Bar	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Foyer
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Convention Registration (closed during lunch)	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Foyer
8:00 am - 7:00 pm	Flower Workroom Open	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Ballroom
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Vendors Open	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Foyer
9:00 am - 11:30 am	DSR Business Meeting (resumes)	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Meeting Room
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Luncheon	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Ballroom
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Workshop 3	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Meeting Room
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Workshop 4	Roadhouse 2 nd Floor Meeting Room
6:15 pm - 7:15 pm	Cocktails, Cash Bar	Horseshoe Bluesville
7:00 pm	Floral Design Banquet	Horseshoe Bluesville

The Horseshoe Hotel and Casino and the Roadhouse Hotel and Casino are next door and easy walking distance apart. All of Sunday’s activities will be held in the Horseshoe and all of Monday’s activities will be held in the Roadhouse. All activities on Tuesday will be held in the Roadhouse, EXCEPT evening cocktails and the Floral Design Banquet, which will be in the Horseshoe.

A block of rooms is currently being held until February 5, 2016 at the Horseshoe Hotel. Please refer to the website, www.dsregion.org, for complete hotel reservations and convention registration information.



2016 Deep South Region Convention
"Southern Bouquet"

Hosted by The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

March 6-7-8, 2016

Horseshoe Hotel and Resort
1021 Casino Center Drive
Robinsonville, Mississippi



Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

State Federation _____ May we email your registration confirmation? Yes

Dietary Restrictions for Extreme Health Issues Must Accompany Registration Form

CREDENTIALS - PLEASE UNDERLINE ALL THAT APPLY

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| Deep South Officer | Former Deep South Region Director | State President | Delegate |
| Deep South Council Member | NGC Board Member | Garden Club Member | Alternate |
| Deep South Life Member | NGC Life Member | Guest/Spouse | |

FULL-TIME PACKAGE PLAN

Includes Registration Fee, 2 Luncheons, 3 Banquets and 4 Workshops Must be Postmarked by February 5, 2016

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| Deep South Region Member Package Plan | \$240.00..... | \$ _____ |
| GCM Members Package Plan | \$225.00..... | \$ _____ |

PART-TIME PLAN

Circle days attending Must be Postmarked by February 5, 2016

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Deep South Member Registration | Sunday Monday Tuesday | \$25.00 per day | \$ _____ |
| GCM Member Registration | Sunday Monday Tuesday | \$15.00 per day | \$ _____ |
| Spouse/Guest | Sunday Monday Tuesday | \$10.00 per day | \$ _____ |
| Sunday Dinner | | \$45.00 | \$ _____ |
| Monday Luncheon | | \$40.00 | \$ _____ |
| Monday Awards Banquet | | \$45.00 | \$ _____ |
| Tuesday Luncheon | | \$40.00 | \$ _____ |
| Tuesday Design Banquet | | \$55.00 | \$ _____ |

Registration Postmarked AFTER February 5, 2016 Must Add late Fee of \$25.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

MAIL CHECK, PAYABLE TO: NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC., DSR WITH REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Margaret Fancher, Registrar, 619 Van Buren Ave., Oxford, MS 38655 *662-234-1359 [*fancherm@bellsouth.net](mailto:fancherm@bellsouth.net)

Confirmations will be emailed. For USPS mail acknowledgment of registration, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**No refunds after February 5, 2016. Registration Fee is non-refundable - No Walk-ins
YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND ANY PROGRAMS, MEALS, OR WORKSHOPS.**

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Horseshoe Hotel

Special rate of \$75.00 plus taxes for a Deluxe room

All reservations made via the telephone call center will be assessed a fee of \$10 per reservation – 866-635-7095
Use the link below for hotel reservations free of charge - link also on Deep South Region website www.dsregion.org
<http://www.totalrewards.com/hotel-reservations?propCode=UTU&groupCode=S03NGC6>