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- includes all aspects of gardening and horticulture and growing our Region membership

Greetings to our members and Happy Spring! We are pretty much over winter at this point. It has been a rough one with bitter cold, snow and ice throughout our CAR-SGC seven states. Let us look forward to what is coming. Spring is around the corner and bringing with it soft rains, blooming flowers, jacket weather, and the smell of growing things.

Let this spring also be about hope, personal growth, new beginnings and all manner of euphemisms that describe what spring means to us besides the earth thawing. COVID restrictions have been relaxing and we are able to attend in-person garden club meetings, flower shows, State Annual Meetings and Conventions as well as attending community events. It is wonderful to be around family and friends and not worry so much about the COVID virus and being exposed to it.

We have had several exciting virtual viewing opportunities. The "Zoom Floral Design Prizefight" on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, was a marvelous presentation. Shelia Croushore (PA President) and Arlene Stewart (NCA President) presented beautiful designs and entertained over 160 attendees. Blue ribbons to them both! CAR-SGC made a net amount of \$1,003.00 from the donations for the CAR-SGC Scholarship Fund. Thank you to CAR-SGC Virtual Resources Chair, Cherie Lejeune, for her innovative programming idea and bringing it to our garden club members to help kick off the Holidays. Kudos to all who participated in any aspect of this successful event.

CAR-SGC has a new YouTube Channel!

<https://youtu.be/s1BePqVReaq>

MICRO GREENS Zoom presentation on March 24 by Maryland's

Horticulture Chair Terry Holman's is #1 on our new channel. If you were not an attendee on March 24, I hope you will get an opportunity to view her fantastic program on the CAR-SGC new YouTube Channel. Cherie Lejeune will be collecting more programs to put on the Channel.

This program was part of the Zoom series by the 7 CAR-SGC States' Hosted Programs featuring each State President and an exciting program. Next 7 State Zoom Program is by New Jersey on Friday, April 29 at 10:00 AM EDT. CANOPY MEG! Dr Meg Lowman will speak about Tree Canopies' role in our Environment Health. A registration form will be emailed later in April.



Magnolia buds by C. Carbaugh

NGC has started a 3-Rs Workshop on Membership Mondays program to help the regions, states, districts and garden clubs "grow their memberships." See Elva Davidson, CAR-SGC's Membership Coordinator's article in this issue of *CAR Review* for more details about this program being offered virtually.

Awards: Any club or member affiliated with CAR-SGC may apply for an award from the region, even if that

award category is not included in the options for your state awards. You may use the CAR-SGC Award Application to apply for an award. Your application must be submitted to your state award chair in order to be considered for a region award. Please see the CAR-SGC Website www.car-sgc.org for CAR-SGC Award Rules and Applications. Now is the time to plan and apply for your award applications (next series of awards) for the programs and projects you are working on this summer and fall.

Last, but certainly not least, please remember the **CAR- SGC Conference 2022 on November 2-3, 2022 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Somerset County, PA.** Conference documents provided by the committee are elsewhere in this issue of *CAR Review*.

Optional Tours:

***Fallingwater - Frank Lloyd Wright Home
Nat'l Park Service Memorial to Flight 93***

Special thanks to CAR-SGC Conference 2022 Chair Nerita Brant, Assistant Chair Mary Jo Gardill, Pennsylvania President Sheila Croushore and the Conference Committee for the work they are doing to make this Conference successful.

Let us continue to support the mission, goals and objectives of National Garden Clubs (NGC) CAR-SGC and our States. I look forward to pursuing and accomplishing these goals and objectives with you.

Happy Gardening and Growing,
***Betty Cookendorfer, Director
Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs***

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CAR-SGC Conference

7 Super Blooms that Changed Our World

November 2-3, 2022

Seven Springs Mountain Resort

Join us in beautiful Laurel Highlands for a Super Conference

7 Super Blooms 7 States/Areas 7 Springs = A winning combination

- ✿ TOURS - Tour the Flight 93 National Memorial or Fallingwater - a Frank Lloyd Wright house
- ✿ WORKSHOPS - Seasonal Succulent Designs - Tonya Young
 - Planting for Birds and Pollinators - Marcy Cunkelman
 - New and Exciting Houseplants - Ron McIntosh
 - NGC Exhibition Table Designs - Chris Leskosky
 - Williamsburg Christmas - Janice Davis
 - Creating from Your Own Garden - Fran Landsberry
- ✿ DINNER SPEAKER - "Roses and Tulips and Sunflowers - Oh My!?"
 - Tom Huston
- ✿ VENDORS - Many!!

Hotel reservations may be made for November 1-4 at special conference rates by phoning Seven Springs Resort at 814-352-7777.

Watch for the Registration Form on CAR-SGC and GCFP websites soon!!



From Our States:

Delaware



Barbara DeRue

Love the bright daffodils, hyacinths, primrose and other spring perennials brightening up our gardens, but, oh, the pollen from the trees brings tears to my eyes.

November 17, 2021 was our first in person State meeting since November 2019. We

were honored to have Mary Warshauer, the National Garden Club President, in attendance.

The program “Twisted Trash” was presented by Dottie Howatt who was chairperson of the Delaware Flower Show Judges Council (DFSJC). The program presented designs constructed of recycled/ repurposed materials suitable for table centerpieces. Pictures of some of the designs are below.

Sadly the DFGC and FGCMMD both lost an irreplaceable member with the passing of Dottie Howatt on February 15, 2022. Dottie was a friend to all and available to everyone. Dottie was an NGC Horticulture instructor but loved design. Briefly, Dottie avidly promoted, encouraged and supported clubs to have NGC Flower Shows, and members to attend flower show schools to become judges and then maintain their credentials. Dottie belonged to a garden club in both DE and MD, she was an Accredited Master judge and was active in both state Judges Councils.

Dottie Howatt



Photos by DFGC Members at Nov. meeting

Coastal Gardeners was awarded a Plant America Grant for their work with the Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids project. Congratulations!

Thirteen clubs are participating in my president’s project “Grow Locally”. The clubs have received their checks to put towards Club projects that they plan to use to “Grow their membership, Grow awareness or Grow a garden”.

Looking forward to our April 20th State meeting.

**Barbara DeRue, President,
Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**

Maryland

Like you, we are glad that 2021 is in our rear-view mirror and with lower infection rates our Clubs are once again meeting in person.

The Four Seasons Garden Club held a Standard Flower Show "The Polar Express". A winter show inside a historic house meant there were no cut specimens and horticulture focused on container grown plants. However, in addition to Design, the club offered a Botanical Arts Division with a Section on Artistic Crafts comprised of seasonally decorated boxes.



Anna O'Kelly



Class 1: Abandoned Toys



Class 2: Santa's Workshop

Class 3: Hot Chocolate and Marshmallows

Photos by Susie Middleton.



New Fund Raising Ideas: Covid limited our ability to hold any in-person fund raising events so we created two new ones. We sold pins replicas of our State Flower "the Black-Eyed Susan". This

pin (shown at the left) is unique wearable art created by a designer in Greenville, South Carolina.

Our second fund-raiser is a raffle for a week in Aruba. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment was donated by a club member. We are selling chances to win this at our District and State Annual Meetings.

The speaker at our March Annual Meeting will be Page Dickey, author of "Uprooted: A Gardener Reflects on Beginning Again". The meeting will also feature an NGC Standard Flower Show "From Small Seeds, Great Things Grow", honoring President Anna O'Kelly's theme.

We have a number of events planned for the coming year including numerous flower shows, tours and the following educational events:

- May 24-25 **Landscape Design School Course 4** at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City Maryland
- **Gardening School, Course 1**, at Cylburn Arboretum Greenhouse Classroom, Baltimore
- October 24-26 **Symposium** sponsored by the Judges Council, Bowie Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD

Susie Middleton

Anna O'Kelly, President,
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland

National Capital Area

National Capital Area Garden Clubs finally returned to the US National Arboretum for our state meeting in March. It was chilly spring day but after the meeting, members were able to tour the grounds and see the cherry blossoms. At our meeting we celebrated the "Superhero in Each of Us" while focusing on Awards, 50 Years of NCAGC Scholarships and Our State Life Members.



Arlene Stewart

Our Judges' Council has had very little rest. They presented a virtual Morning of Design. Five designers from the NCA made video presentations where they created and shared holiday designs from Halloween through New Year's.



Photo by Vicki Gowin

Our 8 student judges have worked hard to earn blue ribbons, judge and write schedules. In April, 6 of the students will take the exam to become an accredited judge. Of course, this means that we have had lots of flower shows. Our clubs have been holding shows along with 2 of our districts. One district show was held in memory of Mary Corley, a long-time garden club member and judge. Her containers were distributed to judges for their design entries in the show. It was a very special event.



Photos by Arlene Stewart.

In December, District II took a bus trip to Longwood Gardens to see the Christmas displays and lights. A District III Garden Club held a Holiday Shop selling baked goods, floral designs, crafts and holiday items. For the second year, individuals, clubs and districts donated waxed amaryllis bulbs to care givers working in senior homes throughout the 4 districts of our state. This was a satisfying way to show our appreciation and to bring joy to others.

This year we will continue to sponsor NGC Schools. FSS Course 1 took place April 3-5 in Bethesda, MD.

LDS Course 1 will be held in October and Environmental School Course II is in the works to be scheduled.



Watch for NCAGC in May as we present our CAR-SGC Zoom program to share with the 7 CAR-SGC States.

PLANT AMERICA for Flowers, Fun and Friends

*Arlene Stewart, President,
National Capital Area Garden Clubs*

New Jersey

Spring Greetings! The arrival of spring has been announced by the blooming of my daffodils and hyacinths in colors of yellow, white and purple. During the winter months, however, The Garden Club of New Jersey remained busy with a number of projects and activities.



Cecelia Millea

In December, six GCNJ clubs Decorated Drumthwacket, the beautiful Greek Revival New Jersey Governor's residence, for the holidays. Each club decorated a room that reflected a holiday theme they had chosen. Drumthwacket was festooned outdoors with magnificent wreaths and indoors with greens, trees and creative holiday decorations. The Allentown Garden Club, Belvidere Garden Club, Garden Club of Long Valley, Keyport Garden Club, Warren Garden Club and the West Trenton Garden Club participated in this project. Members of the GCNJ Board of Directors enjoyed a tour of Drumthwacket on December 13th, and tours were also available to the public.



We are proud to announce that six garden clubs affiliated with GCNJ received NGC Plant America Community Project Grants of \$1000 for projects that help enhance and beautify our public areas and community gardens. Those clubs are: All Seasons Garden Club, Floraphile Garden Club, Garden Club of Fair Haven, Garden Club of Tom's River, Garden Club of Westfield and the Holly Club of Sea Girt. Congratulations!



The Garden Club of New Jersey will host a virtual program on Friday, April 29 at 10 AM. The program is the second in the Central Atlantic Region's Seven State Series. It will feature a presentation by Dr. Margaret Lowman, a world-renowned arborist also known as "Canopy Meg". Dr. Lowman explores the tree canopy in forests throughout the world and refers to herself as an "arbornaut". She is a unique and motivational speaker. Cecelia Millea, Garden Club of New Jersey President, will be speaking about the theme of her presidency, "Plant Trees: Nature's Unsung Heroes". It is also the title of her President's Project which will award to GCNJ affiliated clubs significant monetary grants for a project that focuses on the planting of native trees. If you value and love trees, please register and plan to join us on April 29th
**Cecelia Millea, President,
Garden Club of New Jersey**

New York



New York's 10 Districts and Clubs are slowly awakening. Like a Bear peeking out at Springtime, we're finally getting out and around. Clubs are meeting in person and holding Installations. Most of our Districts are having their Annual Spring Luncheons, some haven't been held for two years. Flower shows have started up again and we're completing our zoom Gardening Studies and Environmental Studies schools. We're looking forward to our Annual Convention and Symposium June 12-16 at the boutique Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. The brochures and registration forms are on our website fgcnys.com.

Lynne Arnold

We look forward to hosting NGC president Mary Warshauer and seeing out Board and club members for the first time in two years. You're all invited!



Lynne with the newly installed officers of the Tiaronda Garden Club from Beacon, NY.

Take Care and BE Safe. Regards from New York.

**Lynne Arnold, President,
Federated Garden Clubs of New York State**

Ohio





Marlene Hatton

I'm told it has been a long, cold winter in Ohio. I have been blessed to spend the winter in Florida. After 2 years of the pandemic and the limited opportunities to meet in person, I was in need of re-energizing.

In February I attended the CFAA conference (Creative Flower Arrangers of the Americas) and my creative juices began to flow again. I made friends with Arlene and Robin from the National Capital Area as well as several people from all over Florida. I was honored to be asked to judge the Naples Garden Club flower show at the Naples Botanical Gardens where I met 20+ judges.

As President of GCO, I must practice what I preach, so I attended Course 1 of NGC Environmental School. It was fascinating. We toured a Materials Recovery Center. It brought home the differences in how our waste is dealt with in different parts of the country. 43% of the waste in Florida consists of plant materials and food waste that are composted and resold. In Ohio, the winters are too cold to treat it similarly.

I recommend attending one of the NGC schools if you have the opportunity. There are several schools being conducted virtually. If you are a lifelong learner, like I am, this is a wonderful opportunity. You don't have to take the test if you don't want to but if you are listening, you'll know the answers.



Did you ever wonder how flower show judges make their decisions? Or why your exhibit didn't score as high as you had hoped? Symposium or Flower Show School is where you will learn. Ohio is conducting a symposium on June 14-15 in Independence. Flower Show School III is July 12-14. I hope you'll consider attending. Details at

gardenclubofohio.org or NGC website.

With Summer coming remember to limit the number of single use cups, plates, tableware or plastic straws that you use. Your grandchildren will thank you.

Happy Gardening and show off your achievements at a flower show!

**Marlene Hatton, President,
Garden Club of Ohio**

Pennsylvania



Sheila Croushore

Spring in Pennsylvania,...Nothing is ever as exciting as watching the forsythia bloom or the crocus pop their tiny heads up.

We have been busy most of the winter working on the CAR-SGC Fall Conference being held on November 2-3, 2022, at Seven Springs, Champion, PA. We have some interesting workshops and tours to offer you.

Our Spring Convention, Celebrating Nature's Masterpieces, was held in Malvern PA, on April 3-5, 2022. Our Convention committee not only had fantastic speakers, but they also had a tri-refresher opportunity for those attending. We handed out over 200 awards to honor our clubs and members. It was so nice to meet in person and catch up with all of our friends,



Our Flower Show School Chair has Flower Show School Course 1 planned for April 28-May 1, 2022, in Plymouth Meeting, PA, and our Environmental School Chair has Course 4 planned for March 28-29 in Avondale, PA. We are even squeezing a Symposium in before our June Board meeting. It will be held in Lancaster, PA, starting on June 3.

We are keeping our members engaged by continuing our programs each month via ZOOM. The topics have been Awards and how to apply for them, Blue Star Dedications, Using Greens for Holiday Decorating, Doug Tallamy Interviews, Vanilla Orchids, and a 2021 Convention Design Program. We have even

presented an updated Treasurers Zoom Training to cover our new collection process.



As most of you know, I had the honor to represent Pennsylvania and travel to Alexandria VA, for the Floral Prize Fight. Arlene Stewart, from the National Capital Area, was a fabulous hostess and we had a great time. Hope you all tuned in!

Looking forward to hosting you in November,

**Sheila Croushore, President,
Garden Club of Pennsylvania
Watch us BLOOM**

NGC Life Membership Become a NGC Life Member Today

Don't miss out being a part of a very special group of people who strive to maintain and encourage NGC projects and goals. Yes, join today. Become a NGC Life Member.

Your donation of \$200 aids two wonderful programs that benefit local clubs, your State and your youth:

**THE PLANT AMERICA COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND
and**

**THE PERMANENT HOME AND ENDOWMENT FUND
which aids NGC's Scholarship Fund**

Plus now you will receive the added bonus of becoming part of the Virtual Life Members' Garden, which is being created/animated as we speak. This beautiful garden will become a living bonus to the NGC website.

So don't miss out.....Join today or give a gift membership to any individual or group deserving an honor or remember someone in your community who

shares our passion for garden club interests. New Life Members are out there.

Applications can be found on the NGC website under Member Resources.

"LIFE MEMBERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

**Gail Corle Manna,
NGC Life Member Chair 2021-2023**

Think Ahead and Apply for the AHS Herbaceous Perennial Award

NGC Flower Shows are taking place in greater numbers now. That means that a garden club, group of garden clubs, a district, council, or state can win the American Horticulture Society's Herbaceous Perennial Award for a show held during the current calendar year. Each state awards chair is to submit the winning entry from applicants. That submitted entry will be one of 7 potential CAR-NGC winners.

"The overall exhibit must be of outstanding quality and include a minimum of 20 specimens." Specimens are to be listed with botanical names and documented by a clear photo or photos. A maximum of 3 pages is allowed for the application, whose deadline is April 1, 2023. Each CAR-SGC state is eligible to win 50 dollars. Please read the complete (and easy) requirements after clicking "About" on the unrestricted home page of www.car-sgc.org.



**Shirley Nicolai,
AHS Regional Perennial Award Chair**

CAR-SGC Virtual Resources Update!



Microgreens: Grow at Home

Youtube, Thank you Maryland!

<https://youtu.be/s1BePqVReag>

Please subscribe Youtube channel! Central-Atlantic Region-State Garden Clubs



April 29 10 am ET ZOOM

New Jersey: Canopy Meg!

Dr. Margaret D. Lowman presentation

Plus President Cecelia Millea's Tree Project!



**May 24 10 am National Capital Area GC
TOUR the US National Arboretum in DC
with President Arlene Stewart!**

September-Ohio, Floral Design!

October: Pennsylvania-surprise!

More State Hosted Programs, coming!



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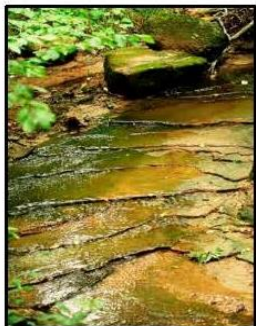
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***ALL notices of ZOOM registration
will be distributed through State Presidents
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Ohio Garden Club Tackles Invasive Species

Barbara Schuh, CAR Environmental & Conservation Concerns



Recently, The Gates Mills Land Conservancy in the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio acquired a 41-acre tract of old neglected farmland overgrown with thorny brush. Along with a conservancy easement of 51 acres of virgin forest and wetlands, the aim was to make it a sanctuary for native rare species, flora, birds, bees, and butterflies, as well as to provide educational opportunities for the community. The Sherman Road Preserve has open grasslands, 44 acres of hardwood forest and a primary headwater stream that flows directly into an Ohio Scenic River.

The enormous interest in obtaining this property was fueled by the rare wildlife identified on the land. Three species of significance have been found on the property: Bobolink, a grassland nesting bird species that is a state species of concern; a very uncommon ground beetle (*Pterostichus atratus*); and the northern two-lined salamander, which serves as an indicator species of high-quality headwater habitat. The northern dusky and the eastern red-backed salamander species were also discovered on the property. This combination of habitats also helps to sustain a migrating bird population, providing them places to rest and feed.



A crew of club members & other volunteers.

In collaboration with the GM Land Conservancy, Gates Mills Garden Club has labored in the physical removal of the invasive species that have overtaken this Preserve (including glossy buckthorn, multiflora roses, knotweed, and barberry) to uncover many native species including maples, cherries, dogwood, and Viburnum.



Tackling the invasives. Photo CVT

Throughout 2021, armed with loppers and clippers, Gates Mills Garden Club members gathered with other volunteers and cleared over 2 ½ acres of these invasive species. Because of this back-breaking work, a beautiful meadow has begun to appear.

Along with the removal of these invasives, the Garden Club has initiated a project to encourage the establishment of native plants in the meadow. Club members harvested seeds and propagated hundreds of Milkweed plants which were planted last fall. The cultivation of Milkweed and other native plants will provide food and nectar for Monarch butterflies and other pollinators.



Club members plant milkweed at the Preserve.

The Gates Mills Garden Club is proud to support this project and is excited to continue this important restoration project in 2022.

**Container and Indoor Gardening
Ten Containers thru the Seasons**

The Train Station platform at Jenkintown-Wyncote has been a focus of beautification since 2016. The local newspaper and GC Federation of Pennsylvania Awards have recognized the club's activities, which cost approximately \$800 annually to maintain and decorate ten containers. In 2021, Old York Road GC in District XI of SE Pennsylvania had five paired teams working together to the delight of SEPTA riders throughout the seasons. The teams are

Design: Emily & Brian Schnarr

Weekly Watering & Maintenance:

Mary Louise & John Ryan

Linda & Brian Freedman

Mary Findlay & Joyce Richardson

Isabel Hyczko & Marj Sears

Substitutes: Mary Harmon, Nancy Doyle and Steve Sears

The plants in 5 rain barrels included

Sweet potato / *Ipomoea batatas*

Basket Willow fern / *Salicaceae*

Begonias / *Begoniaceae*

Dusty Miller / *Jacobaea*

Daffodils / *Narcissus*

Chrysanthemums / *Dendranthema*

Azaleas / *Rhododendron*

Salvia / *Lamiaceae*

The plants used in 5 window boxes were

Pansies / *Viola tricolor*

Begonias

Sweet Potato

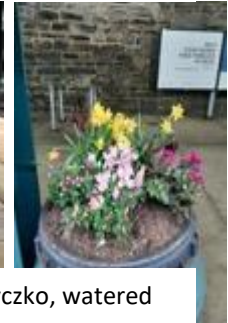
Dusty Miller

Petunias

Coleus



Gnome with a Heart Feb 2021



Newest member, Isabel Hyczko, watered pansies and spring flowers in March 2021

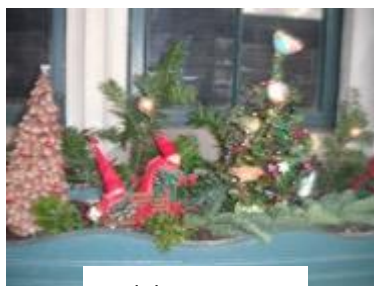


June-July 2021



Aug. 2021 Joyce R.

Sept. 2021 Nancy D., 91 years young



Holiday 2020-21



Oct. 2021

**Marilyn C. Backus, Chair,
Container and Indoor Gardening-Horticulture**

CAR Scholarship Patronage Program

CAR-SGC continues to provide scholarships to deserving college students in an accredited college or university majoring in a garden related field of study.

Funding for the scholarships is derived from many sources, one of which is the Scholarship Patronage Program established in 2019. This tax deductible donor contribution program allows members and clubs to make donations to support the program: (1) a *Personal*, (2) an *In Honor Of* and (3) an *In Memory Of* donation to the program. The donation levels are: Platinum - \$1000, Gold - \$500, Silver - \$200 and Bronze - \$50+ and you can certainly contribute more and contribute annually.

Thank you for the generosity of our donors since the program's inception in 2019. Your donations are helping worthy students pursue their education. Please join me in honoring them.

- PLATINUM** Robin Hammer, 2020
- GOLD** Connie Taylor, 2020 & 2021
Shirley Nicolai, In Memory Of Marie Coulter, 2020
The Garden Club of Ohio – In Honor of Betty Cookendorfer, 2021
- SILVER** Federation of Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc, 2020
Victoria Bellias, 2020
- BRONZE** Marie Coulter, 2019
Claire Leichliter, 2020
Jane Reynolds Bersch, 2020
Shirley Basista, 2020
Jane Madis, 2021

Donors will be recognized at the convention in November 2022. You can continue to support this program by donating today. All information about the program is on our website. Please consider making a personal donation or a donation in memory of or in honor of a beloved garden club member. Your donation will have a lasting impact on the future of worthy college students. Please continue to donate!

Connie Taylor,
CAR Scholarship Patronage Program

Bee the Solution

With spring here, the honey bees are gearing up for their essential role in the earth's ecosystem. Watching a honeybee perched atop a flower gathering nectar and pollen, have you ever given much thought to the essential role the insect plays in the delicate balance of the earth's ecosystem? When a bee pollinates a plant, it's the first step in building a thriving ecosystem that supports all life on earth. What role can you play to "Bee" better?

1. **Plant a bee garden with bee friendly flowers and herbs.** By planting a bee garden, you can create a habitat corridor with plants that are rich in pollen and nectar.
2. **Go chemical-free for bees.** Synthetic pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides are harmful to bees. Instead, opt for natural organic products.
3. **Create a bee bath.** Bees work up quite a thirst foraging and collecting nectar. Fill a shallow bird bath or bowl with clean water and stones-a perfect spot for a long, refreshing drink.
4. **Provide trees for bees.** Bees get most of their nectar from trees. When a tree blooms, it provides hundreds-if not thousands of blossoms to feed from. Trees are not only a great food source for bees, but also an essential habitat.

The Bee Conservancy, taken from my old alma mater, Westminster College

Iris Cisarik

Sustainable Gardening

It is April at last and the Hardy Hibiscus-Hibiscus moscheutos that I was unable to cut back in the fall looks like an octopus with its arms outstretched!

It is fortunate that a gardener is given a second chance in the spring to right the mishaps of a fall clean-up gone awry. Think about how each plant behaves at the end of the growing season and over the winter. It is lovely to have sculpture in the garden over the winter from woody perennials; these too benefit pollinations by providing shelter for them and food when they awaken in the spring so carefully edit your cutting back in the fall.

Here’s the Buzz

An article in the Bee News from Crown Bees tells me that Honey Bees make honey and are not really the best pollinators! The nectar they collect is transported to the hive to make honey.

Native Bee species including Bumble Bees and Mason Bees are the real deal since the pollen that sticks on their legs is what gets transferred to other plants this spreading pollen.

Springtime is ideal to place a Mason Bee hotel in your yard.

Go Native

Plant Native Plants to help support the Bird, Bees and Insects in our area.

Confused as to what is native?

Native Plants of the Northeast- A Guide for Gardening and Conservation by Donald J. Leopold

This book is an excellent source and available on Amazon.

*Jane Madis,
Sustainable Gardening Chair*

**Ohio Judges Council 54th SYMPOSIUM
June 14-15, 2022**

Embassy Suites, Independence, OH

Instructors: Sue Kirkman, Horticulture. Roses and Container-grown herbs, “Planning a Horticulture Specialty Flower Show”

Lynn Fronk, Design, Spatial Thrust and Parallel Designs, “Judging Artistic Crafts”

Open to All:

Symposium lectures are a continuing education process for flower show judges but also an in-depth educational experience for all garden club members and other interested parties.

For more information:

For more information and for a copy of the symposium brochure please contact Marilee, Symposium Registrar at www.mmz722@roadrunner.com

What is EARTHJUSTICE and What Does it Do?

EARTHJUSTICE is a charitable environmental watchdog group that uses the power of the law to preserve our magnificent places such as Arizona’s San Pedro River, the last free-flowing river in the desert southwest, wildlife such as Sea Turtles, Whales, Gray Wolves, to protect people’s health such as improving the Mercury and Air Toxics Rule, stopping heavy air pollution and reforming industrial agriculture, advance clean energy and combat climate change. Earthjustice keeps the pressure on the FDA, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Agriculture to listen to the concerns of consumers, sustainable farmers, scientists and health professionals. They have worked at reducing harmful pesticides, eliminating toxic chemicals from our food processing and packaging, encouraged sustainable farming methods and promoted a healthy environment. Children are the most vulnerable, pound for pound. They drink 2 ½ times more water, eat 3-4 times more food and breathe 2 times more air. They absorb a higher concentration of pesticides than adults. Earthjustice has had success working to reduce harmful pesticide-use. Researchers have accumulated much evidence linking the massive honeybee die-off to “systemic” insecticides like neonicotinoids. Honey bees which are dying in record numbers are vital pollinators of more than 1/3 of our nation’s crops such as berries, nuts and avocados. They are in trouble around the world which has been named “colony-collapse-disorder (CCD)”. The deadly pesticide paraquat, currently banned in 32 countries remains one of the most widely used herbicides in the United States. Continued EPA-sanctioned use of paraquat leaves communities and farmworkers exposed to unreasonable risks. In 2 huge victories for bees, the courts ruled in Earthjustice’s favor. Unfortunately, the EPA announced in 2019 it would allow unrestricted use of the bee-killing pesticide sulfoxaflor once again. Because the earth needs a good lawyer, that is why Earthjustice exists. They are the first and largest nonprofit environmental law organization in the country.

*Iris Cisarik,
Bee, Bugs, Butterflies and Endangered Species Chair*

PLANT AMERICA

In 2017 former NGC President Nancy Hargroves started an initiative to enhance community-centered projects across America. The project, PLANT AMERICA, was born. It promotes the love of gardening by raising awareness about environmental issues, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility.

Current NGC President Mary Warshauer continues this gardening project by proclaiming April 2022 as PLANT AMERICA MONTH.

The month of April has a long history of established gardening events. How many do you recognize?

- April 1 – Edible Book Day – began 1755 to commemorate Jean Brillat-Savarin
- April 3 – Jane Goodall Birthday – animal researcher of chimpanzees
- April 5 – National Dandelion Day – wildflower appreciation
- April 6 -- California Poppy Day – promotes growing poppies
- April 13 – International Plant Appreciation Day – features growing houseplants
- April 17 – Herbalist Day – study/grow herbs
- April 19 – National Garlic Day – growing/uses of this vegetable
- April 20-27 – Historic Virginia Garden Week - experience garden tours
- April 22 – Earth Day – 52nd anniversary of this event
- April 26 – Frederick Olmsted Birthday – landscape architect
- April 29 – Arbor Day – 150th anniversary of this event

Try incorporating any of these ideas listed or an idea of your own to involve your club/family in an April Project. Utilize the free webinar available about Frederick Olmsted through NGC. Be sure to include a short talk about PLANT AMERICA MONTH at your April meeting.

Investigate the special grant proposal (Plant America Community Grant Proposal). As an NGC member club, one of your projects could be eligible for funding. Grant information for 2022 and application forms can be found on the website.

I recently discovered several new, unique products to develop the love of gardening in children and the elderly. The Tender Seed Company Favors, featuring wildflowers and vegetable seeds, come in various shapes ready plant in pots. Sprout Plantable Pencils are another interesting new product. After using the pencil, follow instructions and plant it, for trees, wildflowers or vegetables.

Participating in PLANT AMERICA MONTH can be a big project or a small growing favor. Spread the word that April begins the growing season and develop new ways to enhance a love of gardening.

Judith Schaffer

Schools Being Held by NGC

Environmental School

April 26 – 29, 2022 – Buffalo, NY – Zoom – Course 4

Flower Show School:

- April 28 – May 1, 2022 – Plymouth Meeting, PA – Course 1
- May 4 – 6, 2022 – East Brunswick, NJ – Course 3
- July 12 – 15, 2022 – Cincinnati, OH – Course 3
- Oct. 13 – 16, 2022 – Plymouth Meeting, PA – Course 2

Gardening School

Sept. 14 – 16, 2022 – Baltimore, MD – In-person – Course 1

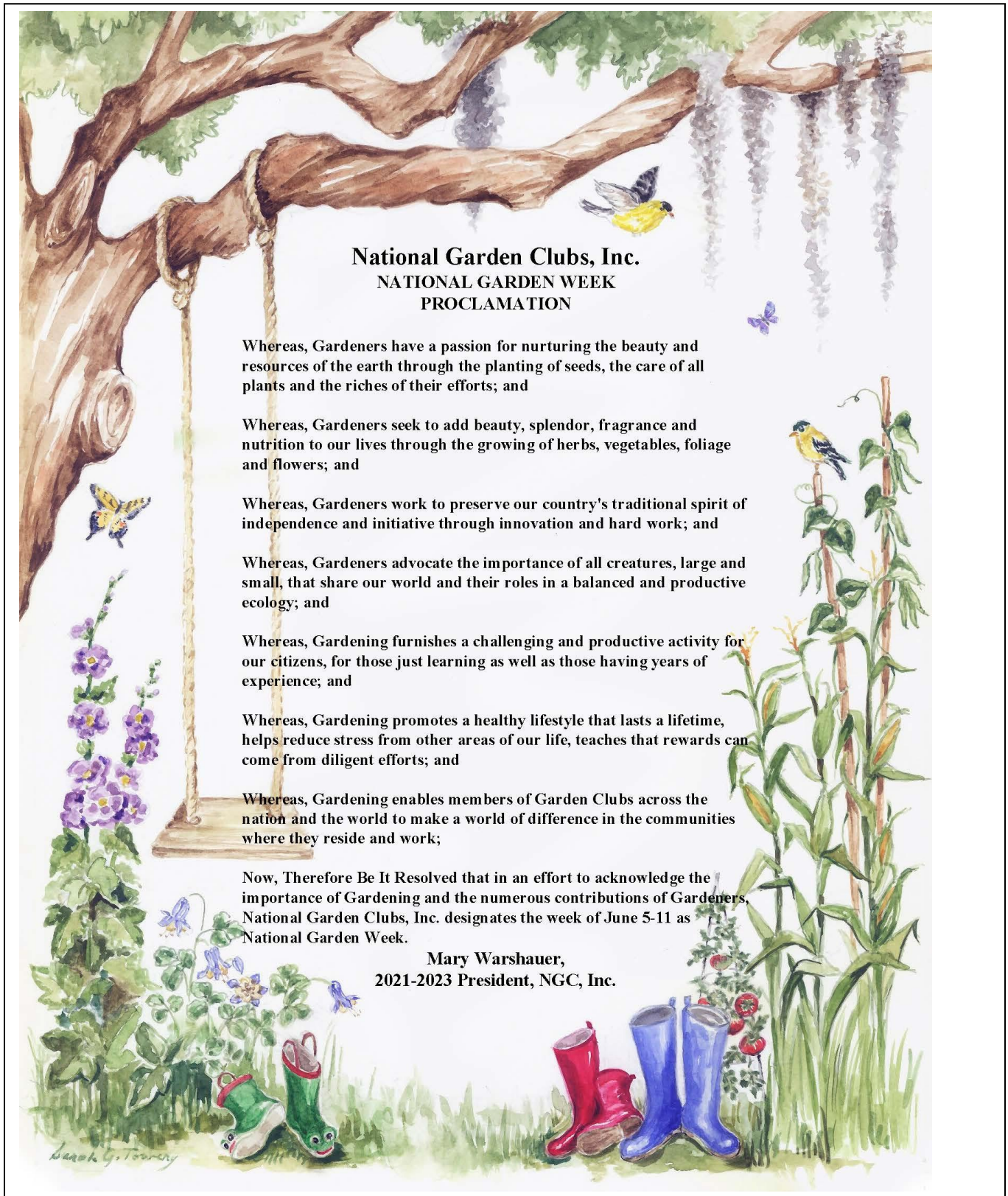
Landscape Design School

May 24 – 25, 2022 – Ellicott, MD - In-person – Course 4



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National Garden Clubs, Inc.
NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK
PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the riches of their efforts; and

Whereas, Gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and

Whereas, Gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

Whereas, Gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and

Whereas, Gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for our citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and

Whereas, Gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life, teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

Whereas, Gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that in an effort to acknowledge the importance of Gardening and the numerous contributions of Gardeners, National Garden Clubs, Inc. designates the week of June 5-11 as National Garden Week.

Mary Warshauer,
2021-2023 President, NGC, Inc.



REGISTRATION – CAR-SGC CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 2-3, 2022

Hosted by the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

“7 Super Blooms that Changed Our World”

7 Springs Resort, 777 Wagonwheel Drive, Champion, PA 15622

Phone (814) 352-7777

Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Full Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ State Garden Club: _____

Medical/Dietary Restriction: _____

Credentials: (Please check all that apply)

Garden Club Member

Guest/Spouse

NGC:

President

Former President (Years) _____

Board Member (Title) _____

Life Member

CAR-SGC:

Director

Former Director (Years) _____

Board Member (Title) _____

Delegate

Life Member

CONSULTANT:

Flower Show Judge

Environmental

Gardening

Landscape Design

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (NOVEMBER 2-3): for Workshops, Vendors, Exhibits, 4 Meals

(Please check all that apply)

Full (Both Days) \$275 (Tours not included) \$ _____

Part Time Registration Fee: \$50 \$ _____

Wednesday Lunch \$40 \$ _____

Thursday Lunch \$40 \$ _____

Tour - Flight 93 Nat'l Memorial \$50 \$ _____

Tour – Fallingwater \$82 \$ _____

Tours leave hotel center lobby at 1:30 pm and return at 5:30 pm

Dinner & Speaker \$75 \$ _____

Late Fee (after 9/30/22) \$50 \$ _____

(Fuel surcharge maybe be required for tours) **Total \$** _____

WORKSHOPS Wednesday

10:30-11:30 am

A - NGC Table Designs by Chris Leskosky

B – Planting for Birds and Pollinators by Marcy Cunkelman

4:00-5:00 pm

C – Succulent Designs by Tonya Young

D – New Exciting House Plants by Ron McIntosh

5:00-6:00 pm

E – Williamsburg Christmas by Jan Davis

F – Creations from Your Garden by Fran Lansbury

Return form to Registrar Rose Romboski at 118 Preserve Valley Rd, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066 Phone 724-772-7834. Checks should be made **PAYABLE TO: CAR-SGC 2022 CONFERENCE.** Deadline for registration for the conference and hotel is September 30, 2022. Full time registrations will have priority over part time registrations.

No refunds after October 15, 2022.



CAR-SGC Conference
7 Super Blooms that Changed Our World
Schedule for November 2-3, 2022

Wednesday Nov. 2	
Registration	8:00-11:30 am
Finance Committee	9:45-11:15 am
Workshops A and B	10:30-11:30 am
Lunch	11:30-1:00 pm
Vendors	1:00-7:00 pm
Executive Board	1:00-2:00 pm
Full Board	2:30-3:45 pm
Workshops C and D	4:00-5:00 pm
Workshops E and F	5:00-6:00 pm
Leadership Dinner	
(By Invitation only)	5:30 pm
Dinner on your own with friends	

Thursday Nov. 3	
Registration	8:00-11:30 am
Continental Breakfast	7:30-8:30 pm
Roundtable Discussion	8:00-9:00 am
Vendors	9:00-7:00 pm
General Membership	10:00-11:45 pm
Lunch	12:00-1:30 pm
Tours	1:30-5:30 pm
Cash Bar	6:00-7:00 pm
Dinner with Keynote Speaker	7:00-9:30 pm
Closing	

From the EAST – PA Turnpike to Somerset Exit 110, Get on RT 31 W
 From the WEST – PA Turnpike to Donegal Exit 91, Turn onto RT 31 E to Seven Springs
 Directions are clearly marked to the resort.
 Room reservation MUST be made by September 30 for special conference rate of \$129 +11% tax per night for Nov. 1-4. 814-352-7777 or 800-452-2223 (sales)