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Celebrating Autumn’s Splendor

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253 Clubs  |  20 Youth Clubs/Groups  |  9,237 Members  |  16 Councils  |  39 Affiliates
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President’s Message

The NGC Convention was held in Philadelphia, PA. It was my honor to represent the Texas Garden Clubs. Texas GC received a lot of awards. I will be sending these on to Gwen DeWitt and in turn she will be sending them out to you.

Plant America, Sowing Seeds the Texas Way. Gardening aprons is my two year project. It was my privilege to make aprons for the Arkansas Pres. Derenda Stanley, New Mexico Pres. Barbara Vance, Oklahoma Pres. Linda Lawson, Texas Pres. Betty Edwards, SCR Director Isabel Olsen and SCR Alternate Director Shirley Tetreault to wear at the NGC Convention.

Texas Garden Clubs has 253 Federated Clubs, 6 Judges Councils/Clubs, 10 Councils other than Judges Councils and 39 Affiliates. At this time we have a membership of 9,237.

We support NGC schools by having Garden Study Schools, Environmental Schools, Flower Show Schools and Landscape Design Schools. Thank you to all of those who teach these schools and to those who attend them.

Clubs in Texas have been so busy that it is hard to write everything that they have been doing. So many clubs work with youth which is so important. There are a lot of youth garden clubs in Texas. Clubs have been learning how to plant in buckets, and recycling has become so important to so many. We are leaning to reuse our things that at one time went straight to the landfill. Bats have been called polite pollinators and did you ever think you would ever call a bat polite? How about habits of the bees or studying the migration of the butterfly? Have you ever thought about sanctuary gardens that you plant to calm yourself? Wouldn’t it be fun to plant an English Garden in a downtown area for everyone to enjoy? Maybe one of the most important programs we could put on for our community is water-wise gardening. We keep hearing that we could run out of water. How about a program called WORMS, the ultimate Recyclers? Sounds interesting. Let’s all paint rocks to place in empty non-watered flower beds throughout a park.

Two Texas Garden Clubs received Plant America Grants. The clubs are A&M Garden Club and San Augustine Garden Club. Congratulations to both clubs.

~ Betty Edwards

President’s Travel Schedule

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The next big event for National Garden Clubs is its annual convention in Philadelphia on May 21-24. Philadelphia is known as America’s Garden Capital with more than thirty (30) gardens within thirty (30) miles. With this administration’s focus on gardening, how appropriate that our meeting is in this part of our country!

The members of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania have the wealth of these garden venues and resources to use for planning a meeting with exceptional speakers and tours – and May is a glorious time of year for many gardens in that area. There will be a tour to Longwood Gardens on Sunday, May 20, before the Convention begins so that everyone may take advantage of seeing one of the premiere gardens in the United States. More details about the convention schedule and registration information can be found on the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org/about-us/conventionphiladelphia-2018.aspx

This Spring projects were begun by the twenty-eight (28) clubs that received the PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants. There was an overwhelming response to this new NGC Program with 415 garden clubs submitting an application. This is wonderful that so many clubs are active in their communities. These projects will be featured in future issues of Keep- ing in Touch, The National Gardener and on NGC’s social media sites.

This level of response shows the needs of NGC’s clubs. One of our roles as a national organization is to support our clubs in accomplishing our mission. NGC must do all it can to expand the funding for these grants to help clubs all across the country with their projects.

In order for this fund to increase so that NGC can give more grants, P. Allen Smith is providing a fundraising opportunity for PLANT AMERICA Grants. (note: as of June 15, 2018, this promotion has ended) He offered his gardening and business advice and expertise for the plant selection, for obtaining the plants and for the method of distribution to our members. He believes in our organization’s purpose and mission and has helped develop this promotion in many ways by giving his time, his staff’s time and by donating a very generous percentage of the sales.
South Central Region

April was a month full of travel to several Spring Conventions throughout the region. I was most fortunate to visit Texas twice and enjoyed the visit to beautiful Texas Garden Clubs Headquarters.

The 89th Annual South Central Region Convention titled “Wonders of the Coastal Prairie” took place in North Houston, hosted by District IV. Chairman Nancy Giffhorn and the committee did an outstanding job with all details of the convention. We had 23 first time attendees, which holds the record! Thank you Texas for your warm welcome to your sister states.

Mark your calendar for the 90th Annual Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma next year titled “PLANT-ASTIC!” on April 12-13, 2019. I just returned from the NGC Annual Convention titled “LOVE Blooms in Philadelphia.” It was a memorable convention with marvelous tours to various gardens and landmarks throughout the area. Wonderful programs with keynote speakers and seminars were held. The four state presidents read their dynamic oral reports as the members of SCR were shaking pom-poms and cheered. Betty Edwards made aprons with our Plant America theme, and the presidents wore them proudly. Some great news… for this next fiscal year Plant America Grants will be available again. So make sure your club applies to help offset the cost of your garden projects. Many Awards were issued to clubs and individuals of Texas. Congratulations to all of you!

Continue to utilize our website; scrgardenclubs.org and our Facebook page. We provide current news and show photos of garden club activities throughout our four states. I would love to hear about your projects, activities and events, so send me photos. Who knows they may even be in our new newsletter The Communicator. I hope you all enjoy the summer and continue to PLANT AMERICA!

Nominating Committee Report

President — Peggy Moreland, District IX
VP of Awards — Lee Taylor, District VII
VP of Finance — Gwen Dewitt, District VII
VP of The Lone Star Gardener — Linda Jean Brown, District III
VP of Membership — Kathi Sivess, District III
VP of Organization Studies — Sherie Clarkson, District V
VP of Scholarships — Veta Reese, District I
VP of Youth — Nancy Giffhorn, District IV
Treasurer — Marlene Gillman, District V
Recording Secretary — Carol Coughran, District X
2017 TGC Awards Season

Vice President Awards, Gwen DeWitt

It has been an interesting awards season! While everyone was hustling to get their awards in, I was dealing with a husband with heart issues. My committee members and friends in District VII were invaluable with their assistance and support.

I wish to thank committee members Lee Taylor and Vanda Babich for all their support, advice and assistance. In addition to Lee and Vanda, I would like to thank Elizabeth O’Brien, Cecelia Lussen and Ellen Stevens for helping judge. These ladies made the trip to Beeville to spend the day judging so awards could be sent forward.

A big thank you to every club that submitted their wonderful projects for consideration – your projects were fascinating! I can’t thank the District Awards Chairs, District Awards Judges and State Judges enough for their assistance – you gave up your time to make it happen. Thank you!

I would also like to thank past Awards Vice Presidents Dana Serafine and Carol Moore for their advice and assistance. This is a big job and I had a huge learning curve and would have struggled without their help. The Queen Bee from the city of Beeville located in the county of Bee of the great state of Texas will present the full report at convention!

Herb Society Punch

Here is a wonderful punch to serve for any occasion especially when the temperatures are warm.

2 bunches lemon balm or lemon verbena
2 bunches mild-flavored mints
1 (48-oz.) bottle cranberry–apple juice
Juice of 2 lemons
1 lemon cut in thin slices
Lime flavored sparkling water to taste

Place lemon balm or lemon verbena and mint in large pitcher, cover with juices and lemon slices. Chill overnight, occasionally stirring and pressing down with a wooden spoon. Next day strain herbs and lemon from mixture. Add sparkling water and new lemon slices before putting in punch bowl.
### NGC Awards - 2017

(First Place Awards and Overall Winners)

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Youth Bird Poster Contest, Male Eastern Bluebird
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- **KILLEEN GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. V  
  Gold  
  A1  
  1st Place
- **COMAL GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. VII  
  Gold  
  AII  
  1st Place
- **HONDO GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. VII  
  Gold  
  AIII  
  1st Place
- **COLLEYVILLE GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. II  
  Gold  
  AIV  
  1st Place
- **GEORGETOWN GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. V  
  Bronze  
  AIII  
  1st Place

**TGC, INC. BUTTERFLY PRESERVATION EDUCATION**

**DIV. B CLASS 1**
- **COLLEYVILLE GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. II  
  Gold  
  AIV  
  1st Place

**TGC, INC. COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**DIST.**  
**GOLD**  
**AI**  
**1ST PLACE**
- **HEMPhILL GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. III  
  Gold  
  A1  
  1st Place
- **COMAL GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. VII  
  Gold  
  AII  
  1st Place
- **COLLEYVILLE GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. II  
  Gold  
  AIV  
  1st Place
- **HIGHLAND LAKES GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. V  
  Bronze  
  A1  
  1st Place
- **SAN SABA GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. V  
  Bronze  
  AII  
  1st Place

**TGC, INC. COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**DIV. A CLASS 1**
- **DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. III  
  Gold  
  A1  
  1st Place
- **PIONETT GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. III  
  Silver  
  A1  
  1st Place

**DIV. B CLASS 1**
- **GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. II  
  Gold  
  AIV  
  1st Place
- **BROOKHAVEN GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. X  
  Bronze  
  A1  
  1st Place

**DIV. B CLASS 2**
- **COMAL GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. VII  
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  AII  
  1st Place
- **LAKE COUNTRY WILD FLOWERS GC**  
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  Bronze  
  AII  
  1st Place

**TGC, INC. CLUB HISTORY**

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- **GARDEN MASTERS INC.**  
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  A1  
  1st Place
- **COMAL GARDEN CLUB**  
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  AII  
  1st Place
- **KINGWOOD GARDEN CLUB**  
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  Gold  
  AIV  
  1st Place

**TGC, INC. CLUB PROGRAM**

**DIST.**  
**GOLD**  
**AIII**  
**3RD PLACE**
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  AIII  
  3rd Place
- **COLLEYVILLE GARDEN CLUB**  
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  1st Place
- **BRIDGEPORT GARDEN CLUB**  
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**TGC, INC. FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE**

**DIST.**  
**GOLD**  
**AI**  
**1ST PLACE**
- **AVANT GARDENERS**  
  Dist. II  
  Gold  
  A1  
  1st Place
- **FAR CORNERS GARDEN STUDY**  
  Dist. IV  
  Gold  
  AII  
  1st Place
- **NEWTON GARDEN CLUB**  
  Dist. III  
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- **EL DEDON VERDE GARDEN CLUB**  
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TGC, Inc. Youth Awards - 2017 (First Place)

Youth Club Sponsor
- Sandie Gardeners - Grapeland GC - Dist III
- Brenham Elementary Gardeners - Bluebonnet GC - Dist IV
- Terrell Jr. Garden Club - Terrell GC - Dist X
- Y-1 B Campus Clubs - Bluebonnet GC - Brenham - Dist IV
- Y-1 D Campus Clubs - Hemphill GC
- Y-2 A Youth Horticulture Education - Waverly Park GC - Ft.Worth - Dist II
- Y-2 B Youth Horticulture Education - Bluebonnet GC - Brenham - Dist IV
- Y-3 Youth Leadership - Waverly Park GC - Ft.Worth - Dist II

TGC-9 Ina Brundrett Achievement Award for Sponsoring Youth Poetry/Posters
The International Waterlily Collection

The 14th Annual Lilyfest

September 15, 2018
9 a.m. - noon

For more info visit
InternationalWaterlilyCollection.com

International Waterlily Society Symposium

September 13 - 15, 2018

For more info visit IWGS.org

Sponsored by the San Angelo Garden Club

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Since federation in June 1940, club members have been instrumental in complying with their objective: to promote an interest in gardens, to encourage civic improvements, garden therapy and roadside beautification, protection of wildflowers and native plants, and to cooperate with the Dogwood Trails, a local celebration held in the spring each year. The members continue to beautify their community by planting trees for Arbor Day. Both Anderson County Judge Robert Johnston and the Mayor Steve Presley of Palestine have proclaimed Arbor Day because of the club's dedication for so many years. The Club maintains the McReynolds Triangle Park, the Blue Star Highway Memorial Marker, The Dogwood Garden at Reagan Park, as well as "Adopt a Street Litter Program."

The Club has been helping other non-profit organizations for the past 6 years with a unique project they started called the “Festival of Trees”. Non profit organizations can participate by creating a Christmas tree that depicts their organizations mission. The top winners are awarded cash prizes. The Club members have scheduled work days each month to clean up their gardens where they add seasonal color and replace mulch as needed. In addition to The Dogwood Trails festival in the spring, Dogwood GC participates in the Hot Pepper Festival in the fall. The club holds plant sales at these festivals as fundraisers to take care of all the costs of their ongoing and new projects.

The Dogwood Garden Club was awarded first place in their District at the District III Spring Convention this year. During the TGC, Inc. Spring Convention the club was awarded the highest accomplishment, Gold Garden Club of the Year.
A Tale of Two Bulbs

Cecelia Lussen, Conservation Editor

A funny thing happened on my way to conserving electricity and helping to keep our electric bill low...it’s an innocent thing, something we should all be doing; saving electricity where we can.

In fact the government stepped in and mandated all incandescent lights bulbs be phased out in favor of the more energy efficient CFLs which were the first new generation lights bulbs that we were persuaded to switch to.

Although they had the undesirable effort of taking several minutes to get full brightness to really produce the desired “bright white light” that the “old” incandescent light bulbs put out, we still used them in the name of conservation!

Later we consumers would have access to LED light bulbs, which reached full brightness almost instantly, but some people complained put out too “White” of a luminosity. Fine, we lived with that and yes, we are conserving energy!

Recently one of the old incandescent bulbs (last one around this house!) went out in our electric garage door opener. Our model has two lights, one on either side of the main control unit. Once becoming aware of the darkness of the garage with the door down, husband was dispatched to “fix it”. He’s taller and has no problems climbing a ladder. He installed one of the LED bulbs we have in stock around the house.

Soon we started having problems with our garage door not closing after we pulled out. No matter how much we pushed that close/open button on either remote in his big truck or my little PT convertible that big old door just would not go down once we had exited the garage and were still sitting in the driveway or had just pulled up in the driveway and hit the button. How frustrating! We took the remote off the shade visor held it in our hand and pushed the button. We held it out the car window while still behind the wheel with the engine going. We got out of the car right up against the garage door. Nada.

The control panel just inside the house door would work fine. Just open the house door to the garage push the button and up it went. The remote keypad outside the garage door worked fine. Hands all dirty from pulling weeds to take to the compost bag in the garage; push the code buttons, hit enter and up it goes. But those remotes in the vehicles just wouldn’t work.

But you see husband in his career was an Electronic Technician and on top of that is an Amateur Radio Operator (WA4ILH) and he figured it out. One disadvantage of LED light bulbs is that they produce radio frequency (RF) noises, which can disrupt the normal operation of a radio receiver. And garage door remotes are nothing more than radio receivers.

Bulbs which are manufactured domestically, meet Federal Communication Commission (FCC) standards for RF noise emission; however many imported bulbs mostly from China, produce high noise levels. Unfortunately, these Chinese bulbs are swamping the market in the big box stores. Each time we pushed the button on the car remote sending the RF signal to the main unit that raised or lowered the garage door, the RF from the LED bulb would interfere with the RF from the remote. And that’s what was causing our problem. Once he troubleshooted the problem, the LED bulb was replaced with CFL and no more problems. Moral of story...read them labels, buy American.
Celebrate Autumn’s Splendor
TGC Fall Convention in Addison

Come and join District X and the Dallas Flowers Show Judges, Founders Group as we host the 87th Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. (TGC) Fall Convention in Addison, Texas (17 miles north of Dallas) on October 9-11, 2018. The theme is Celebrate Autumn’s Splendor. This convention will introduce you to a local community garden and an international rose garden. As the sunlight mellows and the leaves begin to turn their magic on this splendid season, the convention will be a time for taking care of garden club business, as well as, a time for renewing and forming new friendship, announcing Garden Club Member of the Year, being briefed on the new slate of officers for 2019-2021, doing fun stuff, plus listening to some awesome speakers like “Mother Nature,” herself, along with her daughter, and local experts and gardening professionals.

On Tuesday, the Trustees will be meeting in the morning followed with a “meet and greet” lunch followed by the Finance Committee and Scholarship Committee meeting in the afternoon. For those not involved in meetings you are welcome to lunch with committee members or chose to visit the local Galleria mall and lunch on your own. In the late afternoon you are invited to a workshop on creating hand bags from cigar boxes for a small fee of $5. Dinner will be followed by a program featuring Michael Gaffney, Vice President of Operations for Kylde Warren Park.

Wednesday offers an optional tour to a local community garden and an international rose garden featuring 300+ varieties of David Austin trial roses. The Executive Board meeting will be in the morning followed by lunch with Mother Nature (aka Gina Woods) and her daughter. The Board of Directors meeting will be after lunch. In the late afternoon, there will be a specialty program by Starla Willis featuring “Photography from the Garden.” She will entertain you with her experiences and captivating photos. Dinner will be followed with the beautiful and new floral designs featured in the new Flower Show Judges Handbook presented by the Dallas Flower Show Judges, Founders Group.

Thursday we gather for the formal Opening Ceremony and General Assembly. If you plan to attend one day, this is the one you want to make. At lunch, Kathi Sivess will introduce the Member of the Year Nominees from each District. After lunch the General Assembly may reconvene to finish official business. At 4:00 p.m. there will be a reception for Betty Edwards, TGC President, Garden Club Member of the Year and each District’s Garden Club Member of the Year Nominee. Dinner will be followed with a program by speaker, Randy Johnson, Owner of Randy Johnson’s Organics and Native Plants.

Friday people head home, taking good memories and implementing ideas featured at this extraordinary 2018 fall convention. We look forward to seeing you at the spring convention in El Paso. Travel safely.

CoChair: Carol Coughran, 214-868-4218, dhcranc28@yahoo.com
CoChair: Dana Serfine, 214-668-9964, d.serafine@tx.rr.com
Call the hotel directly at 972-980-8877 to make reservations. In order to get the discounted room rates, mention Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Double/ King is $109 plus tax. All breakfasts are on your own. There is a free hotel shuttle to and from the airports (Love Field and DFW). There is a $5/day parking fee when you use the gated garage with a security guard on duty 24/7.

Hotel Reservation Deadline – October 1, 2018

Day 1 – Tuesday, October 9
8:30 - 5:00  Convention Registration
9:30 - 11:30  Trustees Meeting
11:45 - 12:45  “Meet and Greet” Lunch
1:00 - 3:00  Finance Meeting
2:00 - 4:00  Hands on Workshop
4:00 - 5:00  Scholarship Committee Meeting
6:00 - 6:45  Happy Hour - Cash Bar
7:00 - 9:00  Dinner, Speaker, Michael Gaffney, V.P. of Operations for Klyde Warren Park

Day 2 – Wednesday, October 10
7:30 - 9:00  Breakfast on your own
8:30 - 5:00  Convention Registration
8:30 - 5:00  Vendor and Sales Rooms Open
9:00 - 11:00  Optional Tour of Local Gardens
11:45 - 12:45  Lunch Speaker, Mother Nature and Daughter, Autumn
1:00 - 3:00  Board of Directors Meeting
3:00 - 4:30  Special Program, Starla Willis, Photographer, “Better Photos from Your Garden”
6:00 - 6:45  Happy Hour - Cash Bar
7:00 - 9:00  Dinner, Floral Design Program, Dallas Flower Show Judges, Founders Group

Day 3 – Thursday, October 11
7:30 – 9:00  Breakfast on your own
8:30 – noon  Convention Registration
9:00 – 11:30  Opening Ceremony and General Assembly
11:45  Lunch, Speaker, Kathi Sives, Honoring Garden Club Member of the Year and Recognizing Garden Club Member of the Year Nominees
1:15 – 3:30  Reconvene General Assembly, (if needed)
4:00 – 5:00  Reception honoring TGC President and Districts’ Garden Club Member of the Year Nominees
6:00 – 6:45  Happy Hour – Cash Bar
7:00 – 9:00  Dinner, Speaker, Randy Johnson, Owner of Randy Johnson's Organics and Natural Plants
Celebrate Autumn’s Splendor - Registration Form
Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.
87th Fall Convention – October 9-11, 2018 – Addison, Texas
“Celebrate Autumn’s Splendor”
Hosted by the Dallas Flower Judges, Founders Group and District X

NAME ON BADGE (PLEASE PRINT) ________________________________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________________________________________

CLUB __________________________________ DISTRICT __________

E-MAIL __________________________________ PHONE ____________________

Credentials (check all that apply)

__ TGC President __ SCR Chairman __ District Director __ Club Member __ Landscape Design Con
__ Fmr TGC President __ State Chairman __ Council President __ Guest Speaker __ Texas Design Con
__ Fmr NGC President __ State Officer __ Club President __ 1st Time Attendee __ NGC Life Member
__ NGC Chairman __ Affiliate Pres __ Club Delegate __ Gardening Study Con __ SCR Life Member
__ SCR Director __ Affiliate Member __ Club Alternate __ Environmental Con __ TGC Life Member
__ Fmr Scr Director __ Trustee __ Judge: —> __ Student __ Accredited __ Master __ Life __ Emeritus

Registration Fee
$15 for one day - $30 for two or more .................................................................($15 or $30) $__________

Tuesday, October 9
“Meet and Greet” Lunch ............................................................................... $26.00 $__________
Hands on Workshop ......................................................................................... $5.00 $__________
Dinner and Program ......................................................................................... $35.00 $__________

Wednesday, October 10
Optional Tour of Local Gardens ................................................................. $5.00 $__________
Buffet Luncheon and Program ................................................................. $26.00 $__________
Dinner and Design Program ................................................................. $35.00 $__________

Thursday, October 11
Buffet Luncheon Honoring Garden Cub Member of the Year ......................... $26.00 $__________
Reception ........................................................................................................ $10.00 $__________
Dinner and Program ......................................................................................... $35.00 $__________

Total Enclosed $__________

*** PLEASE CIRCLE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS ***
DIABETIC / GLUTEN FREE / VEGAN / VEGETARIAN

Registration Deadline is October 2 ($10 fee for late registration)
No Refunds after October 5, 2018
Make checks payable to: DFSJFG-TGC Inc. Fall Convention
Mail check and above form to: Joyce Cochran, The Traditions/Prestonwood, 15250 Prestonwood Blvd, #251, Dallas, TX 75248. If you have questions, contact Joyce at 214-357-1147 or joycecochran70@gmail.com.
5th grade - Justine Chavez – Hemphill GC Dist III
6th grade - Makayla Gomez – San Saba GC Dist V
7th grade - Paula Munguia – Hemphill GC Dist III
8th grade - Lacy Trammell – Hemphill GC Dist III
9th grade - Amanda Strickland – Hemphill GC Dist III

NGC Smokey Bear “Only You Can Prevent Wildfires”
1st grade - Jonathan E. Muniz – W. Brownsville GC Dist VI
2nd grade - Elidia Marie Mora – W. Brownsville GC Dist VI
3rd grade - Max McClure – Hemphill GC Dist III
4th grade - Jeremiah Alvarado – W. Brownsville GC Dist VI
5th grade - Isabella Ramirez – Waverly Park GC Dist II

NGC Woodsy Owl “Lend a Hand...Care for the Land”
1st grade - Gage Cazares - Waverly Park GC Dist II
2nd grade - Flossie Perez – A&M GC Dist V
3rd grade - Irene Gullen – W. Brownsville GC Dist VI
4th grade - Kendal Price – Hemphill GC Dist III
5th grade - Brian Chavez – W. Brownsville GC Dist VI

NGC, SCR, TGC Youth Awards Themes (2018-2019)

TGC Environmental Poster Grades 1st thru 5th
“The American Bald Eagle”
TGC Chair: Bobbie Mason bobbie.mason18@yahoo.com 121 Creekview W Dr. Red Oak TX 75154-0738

TGC Speech - grades 9th thru 12th THEME IS THE SAME AS NGC HS ESSAY
“The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply”
TGC Chair: Kay Kuser 1024 Swanson Dr Palestine TX 75801

NGC HS Essay - Grades 9th thru 12th
“The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply”
TGC Chair: Trish Lopez palopez040147@aol.com 6139 Los Felinos Circle El Paso TX 79912

NGC Poetry - Grades K thru 9th
“Pop Goes the Seed”
TGC Chair: Nita Beale pollyt@cablelynx.com 610 Town Oaks Creek Kilgore TX 75662

Sculpture Contest “To Encourage Our Youth to Keep Our Plant Green and to get involved”
TGC Chair: Eleanor Floeck elfloeck@verizon.net 4961 E. Highway 290 Giddings, TX 78942

Woodsy Owl “Lend a Hand - Care for the Land” and Smokey Bear “Only You Can Prevent Wildfires” — TGC Chair: JoAnn Walker 845 FM 277 E Grapeland TX 75844
Deadline to STATE JANUARY 1
(The deadlines for the above youth contests have not changed. Please refer to your Youth Organization & Award Brochure (2013).)

SCR #17 Bird of the year contest (ALL GRADES)
Ruby Throated Hummingbird — SCR Bird Chair: Mardi McKenzie mardimck@yahoo.com 1054 County Street 2930 Tuttle OK 73089
Recommendations from the 2018 Spring Convention

1. We accept with gratitude $503.00 for specified accounts from the Hondo Garden Club. RATIFIED
2. We accept with gratitude, $700.00 to multiple funds, from Frisco Garden Club, District X. RATIFIED
3. We accept with gratitude $1,000.00 from Joyce Hendy for the Lucy William Hendy Scholarship Fund. RATIFIED
4. We accept with gratitude the $1,000.00 contribution to the A/C fund from District III Flower Show Judges Council. RATIFIED
5. The $1,000.00 overage from TGC Convention in Killeen be placed in the A/C fund. RATIFIED
6. The Blue Star Memorial Marker that is in storage at TGC, Inc. Headquarters be placed in a permanent location. A letter will be sent to the Ft. Worth Garden Council giving them 30 days to let us know where they want it. If not we will place it at our discretion. RATIFIED
7. The selection of Elizabeth White, as a new hire, to replace Mr. Bert Pool as Office Manager, be submitted to Election Committee for ratification. RATIFIED
8. To ratify the actions of President and Vice President of Finance in reinvesting funds of Liberty Bankers and BBVA Compass Bank. RATIFIED
9. Delete from the Finance Manual (p.9): A. Depositories, 1. Bylaws, Article XVII, Funds, Section 1. a. and b., under XIII. Bank Accounts of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and replace with TGC, Inc. BYLAWS – ARTICLE XVII, Funds (page24) Section 1. Depositories a, b, & c. RATIFIED
10. To accept the proposed 2018-2019 budget. RATIFIED
11. We hire Mitzi E. Sullivan, CPA for 2018-2019. RATIFIED
12. TGC, Inc. pay the fee to help Texas Discovery Gardens regain their letter of Determination from the IRS due to our error. RATIFIED
13. Alpine Garden Club be accepted as an affiliate of TGC, Inc.; that Flora Luncheon Study Club be accepted as a Garden Club member of TGC, Inc. and that the Laurel Heights Garden Club be accepted as a member of TGC, Inc. RATIFIED
14. A committee be formed to explore the feasibility of a board meeting held in the Fall at our Fort Worth Headquarters in lieu of a Fall Convention.

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Fresh Tomato and Basil Salad

This is a great salad to use when your garden is producing an abundance of tomatoes and basil. You can use store bought tomatoes but will not be the same.

Several large garden tomatoes sliced in 1/2" slices
Several large leaves of garden basil
Slices of mozzarella cheese
Olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
Oregano, chopped

Place tomato slices, cheese slices and basil leaves on a plate in a circle, overlapping each other. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper and chopped oregano.
### Calendar 2018-2019

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

| NGC Events | April 29–May 2, 2019 – NGC Spring Convention |
| SCR Events | April 12-13, 2019 – SCR Spring Convention |
| TGC Events | October 9-11, 2018 – TGC Fall Convention at the Crowne Plaza, Addison |
| | April 1-4, 2019 – TGC Spring Convention in El Paso |

#### Schools

- **September 18-20, 2018** – Flower Show School II, The Buckingham on Woodway, Houston, TX – Mary Vacek Co-Chairman, bvacek@aol.com
- **September 24-25, 2018** – Landscape Design School Series XXVI, Course I, Bush Library, College Station, Diane Perez at dmperez@hal-pc.org
- **October 21-23, 2018** – Flower Show Judges Symposium, San Antonio Garden Center, San Antonio
- **January 4-6, 2019** – Environmental School Course 3-Air, Old Fort Parker, Groesbeck, Heather White, Chair
- **January 17-19, 2019** – Flower Show School III in Houston
- **February 25-26, 2019** – Landscape Design School Series XXVI, Course II, Bush Library, College Station
- **March 19-21, 2019** – Flower Show School I - Meadows Conference Center, Dallas
- **September 17-19, 2019** – Flower Show School IV, Houston, TX – Mary Vacek Co-Chairman, bvacek@aol.com
- **September 23-24, 2019** – Landscape Design School, Series XXVI, Course III, Bush Library, College Station – Mary Vacek Co-Chairman, bvacek@aol.com

#### Districts

- **District I** – Fall Meeting on October 16, 2019 in Lubbock
- **District I** – Spring Convention on March 6, 2019 in Odessa
- **District II** – Fall Convention on October 16 in Bridgeport
- **District VI** – Spring Convention on March 8, 2019
- **District VII** – Fall Meeting on October 31, 2018 - San Antonio Garden Center
- **District IX** – Fall Meeting on November 8, 2018
- **District IX** – Spring Meeting on March 7, 2019
- **District X** – Fall Meeting on November 1, 2018 at Stonebriar CC in Frisco
- **District X** – Texas Daffodil Society Flower Show on March 7, 2019 in Dallas

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**Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. MISSION STATEMENT**

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. promotes the love of gardening, floral design, horticulture, civic responsibilities, landscaping, environmental concerns, and garden therapy for men, women, and children and encourages participation and support in educational programs for both the very young and advanced students. It is the purpose of this organization to preserve, protect, and conserve the natural resources of this country and to maintain and enhance the beauty of the lands.
We gratefully accept your contributions received from March 7, 2018 through May 31, 2018.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS – BLASCHKE LANDSCAPE: Newport GC; DURRETT ENDOWMENT: Mexia GC; ENDOWMENT FUND: Schulenburg GC; Smithville GC; Tejas GC; Kingwood GC; Polk County GC; SIMMERS ENDOWMENT: District I;

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS – BRUNDRETT SCHOLARSHIP: Beeville GC; Jacksonville GC; ELLIS SCHOLARSHIP: HENDY SCHOLARSHIP: SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Land ‘O Lakes GC, in Memory of Kay Warmerdam; Sunnyvale GC; Bouquetts GC; Royal Oaks GC; Shades of Green GC; Houston Federation of Garden Councils; Keller GC; Jacksonville GC; Polk County GC; Laporte Bayshore GC; DOTTIE SIVESS SCHOLARSHIP FUND: District VII, Honoring Margaret Ann White; Linda Whetsell, in Memory of Patsy Huckabee;

HEADQUARTERS FUNDS – AWARDS YOUTH: Jean Mills; Jane Cohen; Karen Murrell; Joyce Cochran; Freda Martin; Eleanor Floeck; AWARDS ADULT: Kermit GC; BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Super Seeders GC; Jean Stewart, in Memory of Margaret Ann White; Jacksonville GC; OFFICE EXPENSE FUND: Tejas GC; Polk County GC; TNT Judges Study Club; HEADQUARTERS LANDSCAPE / WILDSCAPE / POCKET GARDENS: District I; Mexia GC; Oak Cliff Garden Forum; Eleanor Floeck; Jacksonville GC; TNT Judges Study Club; Tri County Diggers; TGC Spendable: TGC Air Conditioner Fund: Keith Moffett; District III Council of Accredited Flower Show Judges; District I; Castle Hills GC; Seminole GC; Permian Basin Council of GC;

GENERAL FUNDS – FRIENDSHIP BOOK: Tri County Diggers; GENERAL FUND: Shades of Green GC; Houston Federation of Garden Councils; MEMORIAL BOOK: Plano G.C., in Memory of Helen Defrance;

PRESIDENTS BOOK – DISTRICT I: Permian Basin Council of GC, Honoring Pam Davison; DISTRICT II: Avant GC, Honoring Barbara Bateman; DISTRICT III: Polk County GC, Honoring Shirley Vannoy; DISTRICT IV: Royal Oaks GC, Honoring Judie Nichols; Kingwood GC, Honoring Millie Smaardyk; DISTRICT V: District V, Honoring Michelle Wehrheim, Director; Smithville GC, Honoring Kathy Svoboda; Smithville GC, Honoring Sallie Blalock; Yaupon GC, Honoring Betty Hager; DISTRICT X: Sunnyvale GC, Honoring Avice Ward; Sunnyvale GC, Honoring Diane Richards; Oak Cliff Garden Forum, Honoring Stan Aten;

CONTRIBUTING PROJECTS – ARBOR DAY FUND: Royal Oaks GC; Seminole GC; Polk County GC; BIRDSEED FUND: Jean Mills; Polk County GC; Permian Basin Council of GC; BROOKWOOD: Jacksonville GC; Polk County GC; Sweeten GC; Laporte Bayshore GC; Tri County Diggers; BROOKWOOD in GEORGETOWN: CAMP TYLER: Seminole GC; Jacksonville GC; Kingwood GC; Polk County GC; Sweeten GC; Tri County Diggers; GARDENS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY: Tri County Diggers; GRAPEVINE BOTANICAL GARDEN: Sweeten GC; KEYSTONE HERITAGE PARK: Polk County GC; Sweeten GC; NATURAL DISASTER: Mexia GC; Jacksonville GC; NATURAL CONSERVANCY OF TEXAS: Bouquetts GC; Keller GC; Kingwood GC; Polk County GC; Sweeten GC; Laporte Bayshore GC; RIVERSIDE NATURE CENTER: Kingwood GC; Polk County GC; Sweeten GC; SEEDS FOR LIFE: Mexia GC; Seminole GC; Jacksonville GC; Kingwood GC; Polk County GC; Sweeten GC; TEXAS A&M FOR- ESTRY SERVICE: Seminole GC; Jacksonville GC; Sweeten GC;

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Rosemary Squares

2 eggs 1 cup flour 1/2 tsp. rosemary, chopped
1 cup brown sugar 1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 cup pecans
2 tsp. vanilla 1 tsp. baking powder 1 cup candied fruit and raisins

Beat eggs vigorously. Gradually add brown sugar, then vanilla and flour that has been sifted with salt and baking powder. Add rosemary and fold in pecans, fruit and raisins. Bake in a 8 x 8-inch pan first buttered and dusted with flour for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove from pan while warm; cool and cut into bars. Yield 30 squares.
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