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President's Message

Greetings to everyone and Happy New Year!

In our part of the State, East Texas has enjoyed a lot of much needed rain and ups and downs on temperature range. Spring engulfs glorious months on a gardener's calendar; these are the months when seeds and bulbs begin to wake up from a long winter's nap and grow to fill our gardens with color and beauty. And again, it is time for the birds to sing. Spring is just around the corner and so is our State Spring Convention in Corpus Christi, hosted by District VII — and a big thank you to Gwen Dewitt, Vanda Babich and Lee Taylor for taking on this large event.



Carol Moore
TGC President (2015-2017)

Prior to our State meeting, I shall be looking forward to attending some District meetings, for it is at these meetings that your President gets an opportunity to get to know our members and learn of the many worthwhile accomplishments in the varied facets of the garden club world. To the Districts that invited me to attend their District meetings in March, thanks so much! There were several conflicts with dates so I was not able to attend District IV Convention in Beaumont; please ask me again. And I look forward to visiting each District before I leave office.

A year of this administration has almost gone. Your President owes a deep debt of gratitude to all who have cooperated so willingly. It takes the dedication of all those whom you have chosen to serve you to keep Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., running smoothly.

Please continue to attend our Gardening Study Schools, Landscape Design Schools, Environmental Study Schools, and Flower Show Schools. We will continue to "Take a Leap Forward.... Reuse and Recycle to Protect our Earth's Precious Resources."

Carol Moore

President's Travel Schedule - 2016

February 29 - March 2.....	Environmental Studies School III.....	Old Fort Parker, Groesbeck, TX
March 3-4.....	District VIII Spring Convention.....	Ozona, TX
March 15-16.....	District III Spring Convention.....	Paris, TX
March 29.....	District II Convention.....	Alvarado, TX
April 8-9.....	SCR Convention.....	Bentonville, AR
April 17-20.....	88th TGC Spring Convention.....	Corpus Christi, TX
May 4-7.....	NGC Annual Convention.....	Grand Rapids, MI

National Garden Clubs, Inc.



Sandra H. Robinson
NGC President (2015-2017)
“Leap Into Action”

Come join us May 2-6, 2016, for NGC’s 87th Annual Convention! The theme of the meeting is “Bloomin’ on the Grand” and the meeting location is Grand Rapids, Michigan. More information, details and registration forms are available online at the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org. This convention includes a tri-refresher on May 2, 2016. There are lots of interesting tours, speakers, and seminars, as well as a wonderful opportunity to connect with gardeners across the nation and internationally. There are two special extension tours – one to the Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan, and one to Mackinaw Island. Don’t miss it – I hope to see you there!! I encourage

everyone in garden clubs to consider a commitment to service to their local club, district, state or to National Garden Clubs as a chairman or officer. It takes many volunteers to do the work of National Garden Clubs across this country.

South Central Region

Barbara’s Project is “Protecting the Migrating Path of the Monarch Butterfly” and all states have been asked to study and learn about monarch way stations. Barbara needs us to document our efforts on monarchs with programs, workshops, displays, tours, schools, symposiums, and hands-on activities so that the region can apply for NGC Award of Excellence (#25) for regions. SCR is very proud of a special book that is Barbara Baker’s Ways and Means Project – “A Gardener’s Book of Inspirations, Smiles, Quips & Quotes.” The book sells for \$10, and all four member states (Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas) have these. There is a special SCR Scholarship available to a deserving college student in one of the four states of SCR which will be awarded in 2017 – but you have to apply! Have you visited our website? It is www.ngcscr.com, and if you are interested in receiving the electronic SCR newsletter, The Communicator, let us know so we can put you on the email list.



Barbara Baker
SCR Director (2015-2017)

When Texas Garden Clubs Was Formed...

by Gwen DeWitt, VP Membership

When Texas Garden Clubs was formed, women had acquired the vote and were looking for ways to demonstrate their new found place in the world. Social consciousness and the model T helped these women to champion their many causes to beautify their communities, states, and country. City fathers were busy constructing buildings and creating modes of transportation to reach them - much too busy to add aesthetic gardening to their concerns.

Women discovered that by forming garden clubs and banding together they had a voice that could and did sway city fathers, state legislatures and the national congress. These determined women not only had a hand in beautifying their surroundings, they had a hand in preserving our environment.

Our history includes the Highway Commission honoring the request from TGC Inc. to put names on the approaches to all streams and rivers in Texas. TGC Inc. promoted the creation of the Texas Wild Flower Law, National Forest Reserve in East Texas and the Big Bend International Park. TGC Garden Clubs helped plant trees, educate children,

the restoration of old forts and missions and replanting of historic gardens and roadsides. TGC pledged service during WWII after which the government requested garden clubs to help feed the world. NGC and state garden clubs bought seeds which were sent to Great Britain. We still send seeds to countries in need.

TGC continues to improve our communities, counties, and state by beautifying, educating, and serving. We honor our Veterans with our Blue Star Memorial program. We raise money at the local, District and State level to provide scholarships for deserving youth, educating them in fields that will improve and protect the environment. TGC Inc. sponsors the four NGC schools: Gardening Study, Landscape Design, Environmental Studies, and Flower Show. These schools provide our members with the opportunity to increase their knowledge in these subjects.

With membership we are given the opportunity to make lifelong friends while sharing knowledge and skills in landscaping, gardening and conservation with our communities and state. With membership we can achieve anything!

Corrections to the Master Board List

At the Fall 2015 Board Meeting held at HQ, corrections to the LSG 2015 Summer Issue were submitted. The following corrections to name, phone, address, email or zip code are listed below (presented in alphabetical order):

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National Garden Club Week – June 5 - June 11, 2016



Use this week to encourage pride in communities and cooperation among groups interested in educating the general public on the importance of general gardening information. The more involved in the community your garden club can be, the more awareness we can generate for National Garden Club and everything we do.

Plan events for the whole week – the most recent NGC Award winner had something every day. Sponsor a hands-on “How Do You Select Flowers/Shrubs for Your Garden” workshop at an area nursery. Beautify a manageable blighted area with the cooperative efforts of another group. Host a

member garden tour and include features such as a water garden, vegetable garden, rose garden, etc. Conduct a “Get to Know Us” at a public library and put up a display to promote the club for the week.

Share your National Garden Week events and stories by sending photos to the NGC Flickr website. Instructions on this are on the NGC website under National Garden Week. Whatever you do, publicize the event(s) and maximize visibility of NGC and the benefits of being a member. A free proclamation is also available from the NGC Website. [Source: NGC website, Elaine I Pietro, NGC National Garden Week Chairman]

Ways and Means Project - Flags

*Submitted by Linda Jean Brown,
President's W&M Project Chairman*

This year TGC President Carol Moore has decided to place the official logo of TGC, Inc., on a green 2 ft. x 3 ft. cloth flag with two grommets. The flags will sell for \$25 each and will be available at the TGC Spring Convention 2016 in Corpus Christi. However, if there are any Districts that will not be attending the convention or who wish to acquire flags for sale in their District, individuals may contact Linda Jean Brown at 903-478-3264 (home) or 903-724-2656 (cell) or ljbrown3264@windstream.net to have flag(s) mailed at \$25 each plus postage.



The Gardens at Texas A&M University

The Texas A&M University campus at College Station is a sprawling, mixed development with century-old and modern glass academic buildings, old and new dormitories, extensive sports facilities and agricultural compounds. One of the concerns in development is the preservation of green space and places for public gardens. White Creek and the surrounding riparian area is a natural landform asset and was designated as the West Campus Greenway (WCG) in 1998 by the Board of Regents. The Gardens at Texas A&M University will restore, preserve, and develop the WCG into a public garden and greenway to conduct formal teaching, research, and extension/outreach activities. The project encompasses approximately 45 acres.

The core functions of the Gardens are: 1) Education, Research, and Demonstrations with the garden serving as an outdoor classroom; 2) Sustainable Natural Habitats and Built Environments with the preservation of the natural creek habitat critical to sustaining native flora and fauna, specifically nearly 50 bird species, as well as creating beauty through environmentally sustainable landscapes and gardens; 3) Recreation, Special Events, and Tourism to rejuvenate, recreate, and entertain students

and visitors; and 4) Illustrate and interpret the importance of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The most important feature of the Gardens will be a large Teaching Gardens Complex covering six acres to teach people about the natural environment, gardening, and agriculture. It will contain a collection of thematic gardens including: vegetable and food production, Earth-Kind and Texas Superstar plants, student-designed and constructed rotating gardens, butterfly/bee/bird gardening, and our garden heritage. Phase I Design is being completed early 2016, and construction should begin in spring 2016 with completion in summer 2017.

Primary funding for construction and long-term management of the Gardens will be secured through private donations, corporate sponsors, and foundations. One very important aspect is that about 50% of the funds will be reserved for long-term maintenance. Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. is excited to participate in this effort through collection of donations via headquarters. The first donation was collected at the A&M Garden Club meeting this past fall and given to Dr. Welsh. Visit the Gardens website: <http://gardens.tamu.edu>. [Adapted from a presentation by Douglas F. Welsh, Ph.D., College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University]



Historic Preservation and Decoration of Historic Building



By Jane Cohen, PhD, TGC Historic Preservation/Decoration Committee Chair

Explore ways you can have an impact in your community. Figure out what you do well – and then expand on it. Partner with other clubs or groups to create a working project that serves you all (modified from NGC President Sandra Robinson on the NGC website).

Historic Preservation of Gardens: Does your community have a historic preservation project? Does your community need your club's leadership or help for the restoration of a park, a building and/or garden of importance to local, state, or national heritage? Write a summary of your accomplishments and report it in the NGC Award program – N#50 – Historic Preservation. A recent NGC winner worked to restore a 173 year old church, abandoned 30 years, improv-

A&M Garden Club, College Station, won N51 in 2014 with the period arrangements of flowers decorating the College Station 75th Anniversary Celebration Exhibit at the George H. W. Bush Library. Designers were: Norma Jean Stokes and Heather White.

ing the landscaping and cleaning the church.

Decoration of Historic Building: Tastefully decorating a historic building/house/mansion. Decorations are not required to be of the period of the building, but should be creative, distinctive, and harmonize with the building's style. Designer's choice of all materials within the purview of the curator, official, or owner of the building. Report your club's work in N#51—Decoration of Historic Building. A recent NGC winner did Christmas decorating for the Open House at the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village. A large project, the main building, a school, church, and depot were decorated in a historically authentic manner. Decorations and fresh cut greenery were provided by club members.

Share your project accomplishment by writing up three pages, with pictures, to enter your club's activities in the NGC awards program. Some project ideas you might consider could include:

1. Help restore historic community feature.
2. Decorate a courthouse, historic home, historic park, etc.
3. Replace native plants.
4. Landscape a historic building.
5. Home tours that feature restoration of a park, a building and/or garden.
6. Assist schools with patriot days, and decorate with historical plants and designs.

7. Teach a youth class about the Kitchen Gardens of George Washington, as in the 18th century, every home outside the city had a vegetable garden. www.mountvernon.org/the-estate-gardens/.
8. Offer a community program on a broad range of historic plants and seeds. Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and the Center for Historic Plants, chp@monticello.org.
9. Landscape a historic site significant for historic event, activity, or person.
10. Document, preserve, and interpret historic landscapes significant to a wide variety of people and cultures. National Park Service, US Department of the Interior, National Center for Preservation Technology and Training.
11. Pollinator Garden Challenge—Preserve and create gardens and landscapes to help revive the health of bees, butterflies, birds, bats, and other pollinators. Create a pollination garden! Use heirloom varieties. Replant native flowers. Teach a youth group how to create a home or shelter for birds and bees. Use historic native plants and adapt for three award entries.
12. Offer Garden Workshops—Teach how to prepare historic gardens for cool weather vegetables, and try your hand at a broadfork! Reference: "Direct Seeding Vegetables for the Fall" by Eric Jackson, Heritage Gardens & Outreach, Dept. of Horticulture, Old Salem Museums & Gardens.
13. Teach and make "Herbal Infusions & Edible Blooms"—Harness the aroma of fresh herbs and their taste-enhancing abilities to help keep you healthy. Make oils, vinegars, and sun infusions from fresh herbs. Explore edible flowers and how to keep them fresh. Reference: Elizabeth G. Morgan, Herbalist, www.dandelionsoap.com.
14. "Holiday Wreath"—Decorate an evergreen wreath for your home in historic fashion with dried and fresh materials. Offer a community workshop on historical wreaths as a ways and means project. Reference: Betsy Overton, Salem Academy History Department Chair.
15. Garden Tours—Show and discuss historic garden design, landscape elements, and plant materials. Learn about garden history and the relevance of our current horticulture practices today.
16. Decorate a small tree in the school lobby with historic ornaments (with wish list papers on string, labeled with gardening needs); as people enter the school and see something they can donate, they remove the ornament and paper and return with their donation!
17. Go to TGC Landscape Design School and learn about the historical aspects of Landscape Design and apply the knowledge to a historical site. Forms for TGC Landscape Design School are on the TGC website (www.texasgardenclub.org).
18. Learn more about Landscape Design in your club meeting and apply to your community to create a Period Style Garden such as Colonial, Federal, Pioneer, Homestead, Romantic, or Victorian.

The possibilities are endless. Contact Jane Cohen, PhD, TGC Historic Preservation/Decoration Committee Chair, for more information. Plan now for club award entries are due by Nov. 1 to each District with District entries due by December 1 to Jane Cohen, j-cohen@ggienetwork.com.

990-N: What is it, and why is it so important?

Tax-Exempt organizations are required by law to file their Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service or risk having their Federal tax-exempt status revoked.

Garden clubs join Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. for many reasons, but perhaps one of the most important benefits is to be a 501(c)(3) "non-profit" tax organization. Once certified as a non-profit club, the member club does not have to pay Federal taxes, and the designation also helps reduce or eliminate many State sales taxes. Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and all of its member organizations – the Districts, the clubs, councils, federations—must file a Form 990 or e990 to fulfill this requirement or risk losing their non-profit status. A few clubs had problems because they went 3 years without filing and are in the painful process of reinstating their Federal non-profit status. Don't let this happen to your club.

Small tax-exempt organizations with annual receipts of \$25,000 or less can file an electronic notice Form 990-N (e-Postcard). This asks for a few basic pieces of information – your club President's name and address, your club Treasurer's name and address, and the club EIN number (every club has to get this number from the IRS when they become non-profit). Is your club still in business? It shouldn't take more than 10 minutes to answer these simple questions. The IRS site may indicate to file these related to your "fiscal year" – in general, the TGC, Inc. position is to have all clubs file as soon after June 1 as possible each year. It is very important because if your status as a non-profit is lost, you may be dropped from TGC rosters, and your club would not be able to compete in the Awards competition, and the other perks that come with being a TGC non-profit member would be closed. This is a big deal.

It is possible to recover from revocation of your "non-profit" status but it is an expensive and time consuming endeavor. The VP Membership and VP Finance, as well as

our headquarters staff can be of some assistance, but ultimately this is your club's responsibility. You may want to consider changing your bylaws or Treasurer's responsibilities to reflect the need to file these after June 1 and before October 15. The fiscal year for our organization ends May 31. [Sources: www.irs.gov, *LSG-Spring 2015*, and the Executive Board, TGC, Inc.]

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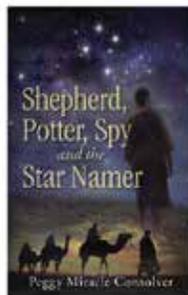
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What To Do With Those **Easter Lilies** Once the Easter Bunny Has Gone...

By Sherie Clarkson, Horticulture Editor

Soon the nurseries and larger chain grocery stores will be filled with the sweet scent of a common sign of spring, the Easter lily. Florists will send out over 12 million of these beauties during the Easter season and churches will come alive with their fragrance. Chosen for their white color which represents the purity of Christ, Easter lilies, *Lilium longiflorum*, and its varieties, are forced into bloom for a late winter or early spring display and while inside are a source of beauty and fragrance. However, soon the flowers fade and the question is asked, "What do you do with them now?" Good gardeners never throw away a perfectly good plant, and in keeping with President Moore's reuse and recycle plan, we can find a good use for them.

The answer is simple: plant them in your garden. You could continue to grow your Easter lily in the house after it has finished blooming but it is usually difficult to force Easter lilies into bloom a second time when they are grown indoors. Yes, there are some skilled souls that have done this and congratulations on your success, but for most of us, outside is the way to go.

Once your lily has finished blooming, place the pot in a sunny location in the home until all danger of frost has passed at which time you can move the pot to a sunny location outdoors. This will depend on your area's last frost date. Prepare a sunny location in the garden using a well draining commercial planting mix or a mix of one part soil, one part compost and one part perlite. Good drainage is essential for lilies.

Set the entire pot and plant into the ground until the foliage has died back, then gently remove it from the pot and plant it directly



Easter Lily (*Lilium longiflorum*)

into the ground. Spread the root ball by gently pulling upward and outward from the center to loosen the clumped and matted roots. Plant it a little deeper than it was when it was growing in the pot, with the bulb about three inches below the soil surface. Lily bulbs should be planted about 6 inches deep and at least 12 to 18 inches apart in a deep enough hole that the bulb can be placed in it with the roots spread out and down, as they naturally grow. Spread the roots and work the prepared soil in and around the bulbs making certain that there are no air pockets around the roots. Bulbs should be watered thoroughly after planting. Cover the bulb with soil, mulch, and cut the stems back to the ground. Feed monthly with an all-purpose 10-10-10 water soluble fertilizer. New shoots should appear in a short time and with any luck, your lily may bloom again in late summer. Keep in mind that the Easter lily will not bloom again for Easter (it was "forced" the first time). Their natural blooming period in the garden is June or July. Our church planted the remaining lilies from Easter one year and had a wonderful display for confirmation services in June the next year.



(Top and bottom): **Recycled Use of Straws in Design** — [Photos by Susan Baiamonte, *Straw/Wire designs at CFFA in 2014*]



Simon and Garfunkel Chicken

(“Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme...”)

Ingredients:

- 3 boned, skinned whole chicken breasts
- 1 stick butter
- 6 slices mozzarella or Swiss Cheese
- Flour
- 1/2 cup white wine
- Bread crumbs
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon each: sage, rosemary, thyme

Directions:

Flatten chicken and spread half with butter. Season with salt and pepper to taste or garlic powder as salt substitute. Place cheese on chicken; roll and tuck ends. Coat lightly with flour. Dip in egg and roll in crumbs. Place in baking dish. Melt rest of butter and add the herbs. Bake the chicken at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, basting with the herb butter. Pour wine evenly over the chicken and bake 20 minutes longer, basting occasionally. [Contributed by Sherie Clarkson, *Horticulture Editor*]

Important Reminder

...for Club/Council Treasurers

Pay your club dues in to headquarters by May 1, 2016. Clubs must be current on dues to be eligible for awards.

This spring, before you add organic or non-organic additives to your soil: Contact www.soiltesting.tamu.edu to obtain information about having your soil tested to determine what you have now, and what you need to add. Additional information and publications are available on the site.

Calendar 2016-2017

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National Events	<p>March 5-13, 2016 – PHS Philadelphia Flower Show, PA Convention Center (For more information, visit THEFLOWERSHOW.COM)</p> <p>May 2-6, 2016 – NGC Annual Convention, Grand Rapids, MI</p> <p>June 6-11, 2016 – National Garden Week</p> <p>September 21-24, 2016 – NGC Fall Board Meeting, Portland, ME</p>
SCR Events	<p>April 8-9, 2016, SCR Annual Convention, Bentonville, AR, Peggy Burns, Chairman</p>
State Events	<p>April 17-20, 2016 – 88th TGC Spring Convention, Corpus Christi, Gwen DeWitt Chairman, Lee Taylor and Vanda Babich Co-Chairmen</p> <p>April 22-May 1, 2016 – Gardens of American History Tour (For more information, visit HTTPS://GATEWAY.GOCOLLETTE.COM/LINK/667430)</p> <p>October 18-20, 2016 – 88th TGC Fall Convention, El Paso, Kathy Cox, Chairman</p> <p>April 18-22, 2017 – 89th TGC Spring Convention, Odessa, Keith Moffett, Chairman</p>
Texas Design Seminar	<p>March 17-18, 2016 – College Station, Carol Russell, Registrar (limited to judges)</p>
Flower Show Schools	<p>March 1-4, 2016 – Flower Show School I, Dallas, Peggy Consolver, Chairman</p> <p>March 29-31, 2016 – Flower Show School I, Houston, The Buckingham, Houston Area Flower Show Judges Council, Carla Gaut and Corrie Ten-Have, Co-Chairmen</p> <p>April 28, 2016 – Flower Show School Handbook Exam, Peggy Consolver, Chairman</p>
Flower Show Symposiums	<p>October 26-28, 2016 – Flower Show Symposium, Tyler</p>
Districts	<p>District II - March 29, 2016 – Spring Convention hosted by Alvarado Garden Club</p> <p>District III - March 15-16, 2016 – Spring Convention, Paris</p> <p>District IV - March 15-16, 2016 – Spring Convention, Beaumont Botanical Gardens, Beaumont, Bev Flosi, Chairman</p> <p>District VI - May 6, 2016 – Spring Convention, Harlingen, Vicki Moser and Nancy Johnson, Co-Chairmen</p> <p>District VII - March 23, 2016 – Spring Convention, San Antonio Garden Center</p> <p>District VIII - March 3-4, 2016 – Spring Convention, Ozona, Charlotte Harrell, Chairman</p> <p>District X - March 15, 2016 – Spring Convention, Terrell</p>

NGC Four and Five Star Program: A **Four Star Member** has successfully completed all aspects of all four NGC Schools, including becoming a Flower Show Judge (which has additional requirements beyond the four school courses). A **Five Star Member** has

achieved Master Status in all four NGC Schools by refreshing at least once every 5 years (but may refresh every year) for ESS, GSS, and LDS, and at least once every 3 years for Flower Show School. *[Adapted from NGC Website]*

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.

Columbus Garden Club to Celebrate 80 Years

Submitted by Velma Harrington

Almost 80 years ago on [May 4, 1936](#), the Columbus Study Club's Garden Committee met and decided to form the Columbus Garden Club (CGC). Two of their first projects were a flower show and a yard contest. Community beautification remains an important part of the club's history and "A More Beautiful Community" is still its motto.

CGC continues to recognize a yard of the month and a business each month deserving recognition. The club plants and maintains eight garden areas including eleven planters in Columbus. The Blue Star Memorial Marker was dedicated in 1957 and a garden plot at the marker has been an ongoing project since 1988. The CGC butterfly garden at Midtown Park is recognized as an official butterfly garden by the North American Butterfly Association. CGC has applied for and obtained grant funding to make these plantings possible. CGC has also planted a number of trees. The Magnolia is historically important to the Columbus area and the blossom is the CGC flower.

The Tate-Senftenberg-Brandon House and CGC have a 44 year history that includes decorating for a Christmas Open House. Since 2009, the club has decorated the Dilue Rose-Harris House and Alley Log Cabin for the event. The CGC also hosts Columbus, Eagle Lake, Sheridan, and Garwood third grade

students on a tour of the historical homes where the children learn how the homes may have been decorated in the 1800's.

The club also contributes to civic projects including the Brookwood Community Garden Therapy Program and a local Habitat for Humanity landscape project. As a part of Texas Trash Off, CGC participates in "Columbus Trash Off" beginning in 2007 and a recycling program and print cartridge recycling program were launched in 2009-10. The CGC presents a program about "Beneficial Bugs" to children in four schools for Colorado County Farm Bureau Youth Day. The club has been asked to decorate for the Fall Folk Fest, The Colorado County Fair and for the rededication after restoration of the Colorado County Courthouse. The first CGC plant sale was held in 1992 and remains a source of funds for operating expenses as well as a source of funds for the club scholarship. In addition, a silent auction and a scholarship quilt drawing at the annual Christmas Tasting Luncheon contribute to the scholarship fund. Since 2001, nine quilts have been made, twenty-three Columbus High School students have received scholarships, and \$26,000 has been awarded.

Members of CGC are excited and proud of the rich history of the club and are looking forward to the grand 80th birthday celebration on [May 4, 2016](#).



Last summer, Columbus Garden Club members gathered to display an impressive number of award certificates.

Honoring **Bobbie Mason** at the *Each Moment Matters Luncheon*

Submitted by Sarah McReynolds, Immediate Past President, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

Bobbie Mason, Trustee District X, was nominated by Harriet Gibbs, a good friend and member of the Designers & Diggers Garden Club, to receive her name in a special book of honor and to have a table at the Each Moment Matters Luncheon in Dallas at the Hilton Anatole on October 23, 2015. This special event is presented by the Presbyterian Communities and Services Foundation to honor a community of inspiring individuals that have a dramatic impact in the Dallas Area. The Designers & Diggers Garden Club had been donating more than \$1000 per year to the Dallas Health South Veterans Hospice



Bobbie Mason with former First Lady Laura Bush.

Garden. Bobbie was chosen for this award and recognition because of her dedication to the garden and the veterans.

Untold numbers of people have been touched by public beautification projects inspired by Bobbie. Bobbie has been a long-time supporter of National Garden Clubs, Inc., South Central Region, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., and her own home club, Ovilla Garden Club. Bobbie has been instrumental in the NGC Blue Star Marker Program which began in 1945 to honor all past, present, and future members of the U.S. Armed Forces. She has personally overseen the permanent marker establishment, the landscaping and dedication at the Ovilla Heritage Garden in Ovilla, Dallas Health South Veterans Hospital and Dallas-Fort Worth Cemetery.

Bobbie is a regular at the Veteran's hospital, visiting, delivering gift bags and setting up

memorial and holiday programs and gifts. She and her garden club colleagues created several community style vegetable and flower gardens for the patients to experience garden therapy by digging in the dirt, this including the hospice garden. This

is one of many reasons she was chosen to be honored at this luncheon. She was allowed to invite nine guests to sit with her as she was honored for her dedication to the hospice garden at Dallas Health South Veterans hospital. She was able to meet and visit with Laura Bush (see photo), a former First Lady who is a strong supporter of the Faith Presbyterian Hospice, and was the keynote speaker for this event.

Bobbie has plans as Special Projects Chairman for District X to put in a 30 foot dry riverbed for patients, staff, family members and friends to write special prayers on rocks and then place them in the dry stream bed. This was a dream of one veteran at the hospital, who relayed it to the Chaplain. The Chaplain knew immediately that Bobbie Mason was the one to tell this dream. Bobbie then presented it to District X, and District X gave \$2000 seed money for this special garden to become a reality.

Bobbie is an awesome example of an active member of Texas Garden Clubs. She has been an asset to the organization as well as to her community. She needs special thanks and recognition for all her efforts to help everyone she has seen with a need. Congratulations Bobbie on a job well done and for receiving such a special honor.

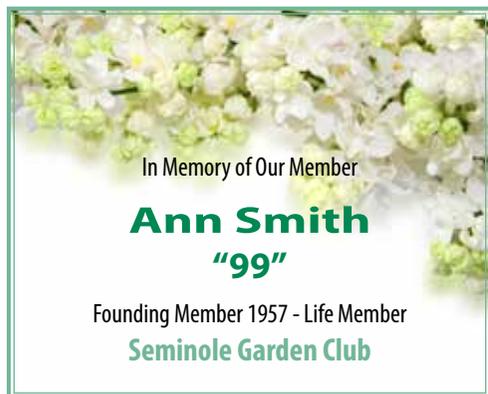
Jacksonville Garden Club's Efforts to Preserve a Massive Water Oak



Sandra Dickerson, President of the Jacksonville Garden Club (JGC), contacted Deborah Burkett Chairman Cherokee County Historical Commission for help in preserving several trees in town which Deborah says was an unusual request. There is a large tree behind Walmart in Jacksonville that is cordoned off for protection. However, Sandra was more concerned about a large Water Oak in Buckner Park. Buckner Park is special to JGC because they have worked to maintain several flower beds. Arrangements were made for Jason Ellis, a Jacksonville District Forester with the Texas A&M Service, to meet Deborah, Sandra, and the club VP Barbara Boren, at Buckner Park. The Water Oak measures 148 inches in circumference and 79 feet in height but does not surpass the Champion Water Oak in the state of Texas. That honor goes to one in Freestone County which has a circumference of 254 inches, although the crown spread of the Buckner Park-

"...the tree may be anywhere from 200 to 250 years old..."

tree is bigger than the Freestone County tree. The crown spread is defined as "the mass of foliage and branches growing outward from the trunk of the tree." Jason Ellis estimated the tree may be anywhere from 200 to 250 years old. Putting the Jacksonville tree in historical context, James Madison was President of the United States 200 years ago, and in Texas (territory owned by Mexico) in 1821, Stephen F. Austin was leading three hundred families — the "Old 300"—opening up Texas (part of Mexico) making way for more settlers. Preserving the health of the tree is critical and the Buckner tree is one of the top ten of Water Oaks in Texas. Champion trees of each variety are listed on the Texas Big Tree Registry. JGC will be doing their part to preserve and protect the trees in their town. [Source: Daily Progress, Jacksonville, TX, Saturday, November 7, 2015; and Sandra Dickerson, President, Jacksonville Garden Club]



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"Bee a Wildlife Action Hero: Bee a Pollinator"



DID YOU KNOW? There are no earthworms native to North America. They came here from Africa and Europe by ship, perhaps transported in the root balls of trees and plants brought by settlers to the New World, or in soil used as ballast.

Recycling Aluminum Cans to Make Garden Markers, Jewelry, and Yard Art

Garden Markers: Michelle Romatowski's email contains "Garden Guru" and the name is appropriate! She is a long time gardener and was providing the "Garden Tip of the Month" for A&M Garden Club. She says she doesn't drink canned soda, but finds lots of cans around that need to be recycled. She takes the cans, rinses them out, and then repurposes them. She cuts the cans using scissors to remove the lid, and then cuts strips of the metal to make garden plant markers. You can write on them with permanent markers, they don't degrade in the garden, and can easily be replaced (and you can throw the strips in the can recycle bin). Because the cans are flexible, they also can be wrapped around a stem or branch as an identifier. Be careful of the sharp edges, and wear leather gloves if possible when manipulating the can. [Adapted from submission by Michelle Romatowski]



Michelle Romatowski photo

Jewelry and Yard Art: If you attended the Environmental Studies School (ESS) at Old Fort Parker last year, you had an opportunity to make jewelry from soda cans. Use brightly colored and painted cans such as orange, grape, and strawberry or black/white/red cans. Cut out patterns for stepped sized flowers from cardboard, and then use them to cut aluminum cans with scissors. Then use a punch or awl to make a hole so that wire can be passed through them and make necklaces, earrings, or pins. You can add rhinestones or beads to add bling. Then add clasps or pins from the hobby store to complete your project. Larger pieces can be connected to make yard art. [Adapted from submission by Sarah McReynolds]

A Frightened Frog



(L-R) Dianne Crowder, President; Karen Collins-Nobles, Board Member; Helen Crichton, Book Chairman; Gay Patrick and Veena Armstrong both DISD

The Designers and Diggers Garden Study Club of Dallas raised funds to donate the newly published book, "The Frightened Frog, An Environmental Tale," to every Dallas ISD elementary school. Gay Patrick, Dallas ISD Library Services Director, received the donation of the more than 150 books on Tuesday. Under the umbrella of National Garden Club, Inc, the Designers and Diggers Garden Study Club adheres to the mission of protecting and conserving natural resources, providing education and promoting civic and environmental responsibility.

2015 Garden Club Member of the Year Immediate Past President Sarah McReynolds

Submitted by Kathi Sivess, Co-Chairman GC Member of the Year



Immediate Past President Sarah McReynolds
(private collection photo)

The 2015 TGC, Inc., Garden Club Member of the Year is our very own Immediate Past President, Sarah McReynolds who has been a part of Texas Garden Clubs since 1977. She has been a member of the Mexia Garden Club longer than any other member, 38 years. She has held many offices in her own club as well as in the district. She was a District V Director and then represented District V at the State level for over 14 years, holding offices as Treasurer, Secretary and Treasurer both one year, Secretary, VP Scholarship, VP Organization Study, VP Lone Star Gardener, VP Finance, and finally President 2013-2015. She has served at the Regional level in South Central Region (SCR) as a Blue Star Memorial Chairman for several years. Sarah was also the 2014 SCR Convention Chairman for the wonderful meeting held in Addison. She has

served on the National level as the Member Services Chairman for the National Convention held in Houston a few years ago, and serves on the National Board. Her Board positions have included service on the Horticulture Committee at National writing articles for *The National Gardener* and she is now on the National Nominating Committee after her term as TGC President. She is very dedicated to education and strongly believes in the importance of ongoing continuing education and participation in the NGC schools. She is a Master Environmental Studies School Consultant, a Master Landscape Design School Consultant, and a Gardening Study School Consultant. During her term as TGC President, she took on the task of attending her first Flower Show School and successfully completed School I. Some might think that Sarah has slowed since she became Immediate Past President of Texas Garden Clubs but they would be wrong. She is extremely active in her local club, Mexia Garden Club, where she serves as Conservation Chairman, and is the Bylaws Chairman for District V. At the TGC level, she is the Chairman of the State Nominating Committee and Chairman of the Educational Schools. She continues to work full time at Old Fort Parker and host NGC/TGC Environmental Studies Schools. Her work at Old Fort Parker includes a commitment to the environment, historic preservation, and service to the community. She has two keyhole gardens and maintains them year round. She is a Life Member of District I, District III, District V, and District VII.

Her work at the Old Fort Parker Site brings long days. She has been reenacting for the Quanah Parker family for many years as Cynthia Ann Parker (please see photo). Sarah has been “adopted” by the Parker family and represents them on many occasions. Her story tells both the Indian and the Anglo side of the story. Sarah

has dedicated much of her time making sure Old Fort Parker, an important part of Texas history, will be preserved for many generations to come. She is a Baptist and makes sure that religious services of some kind are carried on at all events that occur at the fort on a Sunday. After all, she is reenacting the history of the Baptist that settled the fort.



Sarah portraying Cynthia Ann Parker
(private collection photo)

Sarah is a historian who graduated from the University of Florida, with a pre-med degree specializing in religion and history. She married and moved to Texas. She has lived in Texas 36 years and is married to Bradley Weaver McReynolds. Brad manages the Circle F Ranch which has been in his family for over 178 years. It is on the historical registry for family ranches of 175 continuous years. Sarah and her husband also have a ranch near the Circle F and run a yearling operation. Sarah has a love of horses and has been a rodeo competitor for many years (see photo), and now both she and Brad compete in Senior Rodeos. She has many animals including horses, pet calves, dogs, skunks, donkeys, and many cats.



Sarah the barrel racer (private collection photo)

One of Sarah's favorite passions is the dragonfly and she promoted their preservation and qualities during her administration 2013-2015. She has almost everything dragonfly but continues to find unusual items. Dragonflies are beautiful and strong much like Sarah is herself. She is a mentor and advisor to many members of TGC and committed to the goals of the organization. She truly is an amazing Garden Club Member of the Year.

Historic Site Restoration — Mexia Garden Club

Submitted by Gail Beene, Mexia Garden Club

Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site and the Mexia Garden Club have had a long and fruitful partnership that has blossomed and grown over the years. On December 3, 2015, Mexia Garden Club volunteers and Confederate Reunion Grounds staff planted wildflower seeds on the limestone ridge which forms the second bank of the Navasota River. Native plants expert, Ilse Meier came to speak at the Mexia Garden Club October meeting about native plants, plant rescue, and cultivation. The retiring site manager, Dixie Hoover, ordered the Wildseed Farms Texas/Oklahoma Wildflower Mix (available by online order or at Wildseed Farms in Fredricksburg, TX). Mexia Garden Club President Carol Mattews and site educator Julianna Lindsay coordinated a volunteer work day to spread the seed. The historic site staff chose the location for the wildflower seeds due to its difficulty for maintenance and the previous successful trials of wildflowers. At the confluence of the Navasota River and Jack's Creek, Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site commemorates a place where Confederate Civil War veterans and families reunited from 1889-1946. Today, it remains a gathering place for living history events and family reunions, and features an 1893 dance pavilion, Civil War-era cannon, and ruins of structures from the "Roaring '20's" and Mexia Oil Boom when the site was an integral part of early Texas oil history.



Above and below: Mexia Garden Club photo



NGC Schools Opportunities for TGC Members

Submitted by Sarah McReynolds, Educational Schools Coordinator and Heather White, LSG Editor

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., is one of the few state clubs that offers all four NGC Educational Schools: **Environmental Studies School (ESS)**, **Flower Show School (FSS)**, **Gardening Study School (GSS)**, and **Landscape Design School (LDS)**. Each of these Educational Schools is offered as a series of four schools (though there are some special additional requirements for going on from FSS to become an Accredited Flower Show Judge). The schools may be taken in any order, and with the exception of FSS which must be at least four months apart and no more than two per calendar year, the other schools can be taken up to all four in one year, though most people do two series of a given school in a year.



Cheryl Lenert leads a propagation workshop featuring begonias during the GSS held February 1-3 at White Oak Conference Center in Houston. [Photo by Margaret Sinclair]

This spring, state chairman Margaret Sinclair offered **Gardening Study School (GSS)** in Houston at the White Oak Conference Center, both GSS 1 and GSS 2. Curriculum was broad and some of the topics covered included basic botany, propagation, soils, irrigation and lawns, fruits and vegetables. (Topics covered in other courses vary and include types of gardens, pruning, pests, and so much more.) TGC President Carol Moore attended this school, and there were attendees from several areas around the state. Margaret is

planning to offer GSS 3 and GSS 4 in June and dates will be approved at the TGC Spring Convention. If you have questions or would like to attend future schools, please contact Margaret (832-722-5517; Margaret@margaretsinclair.com).



Instructors Dr. Dee Lusk, Ms. Cheryl Lenert, President Carol Moore, and Mr. Dany Millikin at the GSS, February 1-3. [Photo by Margaret Sinclair]

February 22-23, **Landscape Design School (LDS)** will be offered in College Station, at the George H.W. Bush Library. The school is chaired by state chairman Diane Perez, with great assistance from Michele Wehrheim and Debbie Puetz who serve as registrar and treasurer for the school. A&M Garden Club supports the school with volunteers who help with registration, snacks, meals, and testing, and LDS provides continuing education for Master Gardeners as well as NGC members. The academic credentials are superlative under the direction of Dr. Bill Welch, and substantial portions of the school funds go to scholarship. Typically, the LDS is offered twice yearly in February and September. For questions about registration for this school, contact Michele (979-703-8271; michelewehrheim@yahoo.com) or Debbie (979-485-9109; dapuetz48@gmail.com).

Environmental Studies School (ESS) is the newest NGC school and was developed to address

environmental concerns with major topic areas of Ecology, Land, Water, and Air. Being offered in late February, ESS course 3 will feature the topic "Air", and a number of specialty speakers will be featured to cover all aspects of air in our environment, as well as a field trip to a power plant. State chairman is Pamela Grotts, and this school will be held at historic Old Fort Parker, where Immediate Past President Sarah McReynolds serves as Director. Participants are offered an excellent deal on housing, food, and the school for \$125 (\$130 if taken for credit). This is a special place to experience the great outdoors if you are a city dweller. If you have questions, please contact Pam Grotts (918-306-0497; pmgrotts@yahoo.com) or Sarah (254-747-1144; esarabeth@aol.com).

Finally, there are actually two **Flower Show Schools (FSS)** being held this spring in Texas. If you have ever considered becoming a flower show judge or are just interested in understanding the process of design and improving your horticulture quality to a show level, then you should attend FSS. The Handbook for Flower Shows is available from the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org, and is very reasonable. It is the primary guide for how the schools are run and all the specifics for Flower Shows. The series is 4 classes which may be taken in any order, and this year FSS I is being offered in two locations and covers the same basic material, though plant groups are different in Horticulture in each location.

Peggy Consolver, state Flower Show Schools chairman, has organized a school to be held in Dallas with co-chairman Carolyn Coughran, from Tuesday, March 1, through Friday, March 4. Tuesday evening, they will have a "Howdy Party" with heavy hors d'oeuvres from 5:30-6:30, followed by the first topic of Flower Show Procedure. Then Wednesday, March 2, will cover Design with NGC Instructor Frances Thrasher, from VA, covering Traditional Style Designs. Thursday, March 3, will be Horticulture with NGC Instructor Dorothy (Dot) Yard, from PA, with

an emphasis on Bulbs/Daffodils, and Annals/Snapdragons. For those who choose to take the exam, it will be on Friday, March 4, or by arrangement. The event will be at the Center for Community Cooperation in Dallas. Peggy plans to have all four FSS held in this series in Dallas. If you have questions or want to attend this school, please contact Peggy (972-424-1830; pconsolver@verizon.net) or Carolyn (972-243-8718; dhcranc28@yahoo.com). Dallas anticipates a complete four course series to be held in Dallas over the next couple of years.

Carla Gaut, FSS Chairman, and Corrie TenHave, Co-Chairman, would be delighted to have you attend FSS I in Houston March 29-30 with the exam on March 31. The Houston Area Flower Show Judges are sponsoring a FSS I at the Buckingham, 8580 Woodway Dr., in Houston. On Tuesday, March 29, the Horticulture will be presented by NGC Instructor Karen Booker, from KS, who will cover Zinnias and African Violets. Karen will also be presenting one hour each day, March 29 and March 30, on Flower Show Procedure. The course material is Design and will be Traditional Style Designs, but for this school the NGC Instructor is Kathleen Hawryluk, from FL, who has also given programs at CFAA and will be a presenter at OFAD in August. For those who choose to take the exam, it will be on Thursday. If you have questions or want to attend this school, contact Carla (832-831-0048; gautone@comcast.net) or Corrie (713-787-5149; ctenhave@comcast.net). Houston is planning to complete the four course series in various locations in District IV.

These schools are a wonderful opportunity that you are offered through a standardized curriculum from National Garden Clubs, Inc. Although they are offered throughout the country (and if you need to go elsewhere to complete your schools check out the NGC website), we hope you will join your fellow TGC members at a TGC sponsored Educational School this year.

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Cold Hardy Palm Trees in Texas

Ever thought about growing palms as a horticultural challenge and landscape design conversation starter, or interested in using palms in designs but thought you lived too far out of the tropics to do it? Most of Texas is not in the subtropical areas that can support many palm varieties, so what are the rest of us to do when we want palms? There are a variety of cold hardy palms that can be successfully grown in as low as zone 6 (yep the Panhandle). Some types to consider are the True Date Palm, *Phoenix dactylifera*; the Canary Island Date Palm, *Phoenix canariensis*; Texas Sabal Palm, *Sabal texana, mexicana*; Mediterranean Fan Palm, *Chamaerops humilis*; California Fan Palm, *Washingtonia filifera*, Windmill Fan Palm (hardy to 5 degrees!), *Trachycarpus fortunei*; Pindo Palm, *Butia capitata*; Mexican Fan Palm, *Washingtonia robusta*; and Queen Palm, *Syagrus romanzoffiana*.



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