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# TGC President's Message

I seem to have been in a whirlwind traveling all over Texas. Garden clubs and district garden clubs all seem to hold their conventions several days apart and I have loved every minute of it. Meeting members has been a huge highlight for me. You have welcomed me with opened arms and I will forever remember the courtesies shown me during by term as your state President.

SCR has just completed its 95th Spring Convention held in District VII, San Antonio, TX. It was fast, furious, and a fun time filled with activities, workshops, and general assembly where we were informed of the up and coming changes that will affect us and put us more in the "know" of things around us. The River Walk Cruise was most informative. We received a history lesson the schoolbooks failed to mention. We had fun workshops consisting of "Resurrection Plants" and "Red, White, and Blue" wreath making.

Our programs were amazing as well. If I told you everything that goes on at our conventions it would take all the excitement and mystery of your coming. So, I will just leave it at that! You must consider attending an SCR Convention near you. Next year, May 22-23, 2027 Oklahoma will be our host state in the Tulsa area. So, won't you make your reservation and come see for yourself? In 2028 Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs will be our host, 2029 New Mexico will be our host and then 2030 back to Texas.

My Texas garden club members when asked to donate to the horrific flooding on July 4, 2025 did not disappoint and you gave generously. So, thank you to each of you for your kindness and generosity.

My two year Project "Spreading Wildflower Seeds all across Texas" was put into action as I traveled to District Conventions. They were given large bags of wildflower seeds, instructions and guidelines. Daddyo wanted to help with my project. So, I asked for \$100 for each District and he said oh no, that is not enough and I asked how much then, and he said \$200. So, one garden club that wins 1st place from each District will receive a nice check in the amount of \$200 at the end of my term.

Last month, I received a really cool letter from a 5th grade student in Lovington, NM telling me of the types of flowers and things that they can grow out there in New Mexico, and could I tell her what we grow in Texas and if I had something I could send to the kids it would be nice. So, I packed up so much Texas stuff and sent directly to her at her school with a letter answering the questions asked of me. Hopefully, I will get a response from her.

As I write this I'm headed to National Garden Clubs Headquarters in St. Louis, MO for the NGC Spring Convention so I will send more in the next issue of *The Lone Star Gardener*.

The summer is a busy time in Texas. We continue to meet for the various NGC Schools, National Garden Week, and a few individual projects like going to nursing centers bringing sunshine and happiness to them. Working our individual local projects will be in full swing as well.

The McGregor Garden Club members of District V have graciously invited Texas garden club members to the 60th Fall Convention in Waco, Texas. The dates are October 21-22, 2026 so get ready for their themed convention "Stars over the Brazos." Information will be coming out in our next LSG and we are looking for a grand turnout as we continue to celebrate 250 years of freedom.

*Linda Jean Brown*



*Linda Jean Brown, President  
2025-2027*

# Where Did the Wildflowers Go?

Nature was my playmate when I was a child  
By mountains and trees completely beguiled.  
And wildflowers abloom in summer and spring,  
With joyous abandon a carpet to fling.  
Red, blue and yellow and shades in between  
Intermingled with white on a background of green.  
They marched like soldiers uphill and down.  
Vacant lots paintings as they passed through town.  
Infields and meadows among them I trod.  
Too young to realize that I walked with God.  
Returning years later, found little I recall  
Now acres of concrete, a shopping mall;  
The fields and meadows now home for dumps  
And my beloved trees reduced to stumps.  
Wake up, America! Join together!  
Take a stand To reclaim our heritage - preserve our land.  
Plant trees and wildflowers in the sod  
So we may again touch hands with God.

— Margaret Coil, of Texas —

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## President's Travel Schedule

**May 12** - TGC, Inc. Headquarters to interview Texas Christian University student Valeria Escobedo (hiring was approved by District III Trustee Virginia McNeill, Treasurer Dana Serafine, VP Finance Carol Coughran, and TGC President Linda Jean Brown)

**June 9** - Tyler Area Council of Garden Clubs Flower Show Workshop, Lufkin

**June 10** - TGC Headquarters Trustees meeting

**September 9** - Arp Garden Club Celebration of their 85th Anniversary

# Message From South Central Region

## **Greetings Texas Garden Club Members:**

The month of April was a whirlwind of conventions across South Central Region which began by celebrating 100 years of Route 66 in Oklahoma City with OGC at the end of March. I was asked to give a design program which was using unusual containers such as hanging brightly colored colanders, rolling pages of an old book for a book club meeting or using child's rain boots for a baby shower! Oklahoma treated me like a queen and they have begun to prepare for next April when they are hosting the SCR convention to follow their annual state convention.

I returned to New Mexico to attend "Old Mexico meets New Mexico" in Las Cruces where we were joined by Donna Donnelly, our National President, who helped inspire newcomers understand the levels of leadership and the longevity of NGC. Our 100th anniversary will be held in Albuquerque in 2029, so put it on your calendar and support SCR member Suzy Andregio who will be installed as our NGC President.

Within days we were on the road in a rented van, destination San Antonio for the SCR convention hosted by Texas. All four states were well represented and even with it not immediately following the state convention in Houston it was well attended. Again, Donna Donnelly graced us with her presence and enjoyed a morning river boat cruise before we began the business side of the conference. Great programs, a lavender farm, orchid expert, floral designer who encouraged local growers and a Blue Star/Gold Star memorial program in support of my project. I will be back to Texas for your early April State convention in 2027. As a sideline, my name was changed to Christine Longhorn by many people so it stands now as my nickname!!

Three days later I was on a plane to attend the National Garden Clubs convention at HQ in St. Louis. It was fun to see first-time attendees in awe over the stunningly beautiful setting of our HQ building and to visit the Gateway Arch. Our programs were educational and meeting members from all around the country and our South American affiliates was unifying and fun. One thing that I want to encourage is more participation in applying for awards so expect to hear from me in each publication, reminding you to keep a journal of activities that show the nation how we in the South Central Region make a huge difference in our communities.

I thank all garden club members who contributed and made the effort to attend any of these conventions as your presence was noted by me and I am grateful for the support.

Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas, please keep inspiring your members and neighbors to Plant America and Keep America Beautiful as this summer celebrates 250 years of being the greatest country in the world.

Be happy, be healthy and be fruitful always!



*Christine Longthorp SCR Director  
2025-2027*

*Christine Longthorp*

# **Texas Garden Club Youth Essay Contest**

## ***“Advantages and Disadvantages of Alternative Energy Batteries”***

As the world moves toward cleaner energy sources, batteries used in cell phones, electric cars, solar power systems, and other alternative energy technologies are becoming more common. While these batteries can reduce pollution and dependence on fossil fuels, they also create challenges when it comes to mining materials, disposal, and recycling.

**Write an essay analyzing the advantages and disadvantages of alternative energy batteries. Discuss both the social and environmental impacts of producing and recycling these batteries.**

# Down the Garden Path ...

by Gwen DeWitt, Garden Consultant

Garden club members from Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Texas descended on the historic Menger Hotel in San Antonio. We enjoyed a cruise on the river, had fun workshops, did a little business and enjoyed the fellowship of our sister states. I was in charge of the reception, the flowers, gift baskets for state presidents, SCR Director and National President and I'm the Awards Chair for SCR. Always fun to give away money with the first-place awards!



Then it was back home to be installed as Beeville Garden Club President for the third time in my forty years as a member of the club. Even though the club doesn't meet during the summer, I will be busy with work for state, district and my local garden club. The District VII New President's Meeting is next week providing information for new officers, then it's on to Fort Worth for the annual Trustee meeting at our Headquarters. As a Trustee, we meet to inspect the building and grounds insuring all is good repair. With the rain we have been having the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, where our Headquarters is located, should be beautiful.

The ground is soaked from the numerous storms rolling through South Texas, producing runoff in the watershed. Lake Corpus Christi went from 8% to 15.75 in a month. The next few days should bring it up a little more from the recent rains with more in the forecast.

High winds from the thunderstorms passing through the area have ripped ball moss, dead branches and twisted the tips of new growth off of the oaks. I picked up two wheelbarrows worth of debris – small price to pay for all the lovely rain. The downside of the rain, snakes are on the move so be alert when you are outside. The neighbors, two houses down, killed a very large rattlesnake on their driveway.

The rain and occasional sunshine have turned the garden into an exuberant jungle. I need to take my clippers to the shrubs – they are out of control. I walk outside and can hear the grass growing. I even have a smattering of wildflowers in the meadow. Of course, the weeds are happy too – job security!

It's a good time to plant containers to brighten the garden. For a change, consider planting vegetables and herbs. They can make a colorful container with the added benefit of providing herbs and vegetables for the dinner table.

Make sure to use a large container – at least 14 inches in diameter. Be sure it has a drainage hole. Larger containers require less water, cutting down on your chores. Also make sure to elevate the container on bricks or pot feet – this will help keep ants from getting in containers and making your life miserable. Make sure plants chosen for container have similar water and light needs. Don't go cheap on your containers.

Most potted herbs and vegetables need at least six hours of full sun each day for maximum production. Don't skimp on soil, use a high-quality potting mix. Add organic material to the potting mix. My favorite organic material is mix of a bag of cotton burr compost, half a bag of alfalfa pellets, and half a bag of cotton meal.

Just a little tip to reduce soil use in container – put a layer of empty water bottles or plastic pots, turned down then fill container with soil. Most vegetables and herbs need only 12 inches of soil for the roots.

For a colorful planting, consider purple basil for drama and flavorful leaves. There are upright and trailing varieties of cherry tomatoes to provide a pop of red with the deep purple basil leaves. If you go with a trailing cherry tomato, be sure to use a tall container for the plant to trail over the side. Don't forget sweet peppers. They come in a multitude of colors and can be stuffed and grilled or sliced up for casseroles or salads. I'm not fond of eggplant but for those of you that like them, consider adding 'Patio Baby' Eggplant. It produces 3-inch fruits on compact plants. There is also a striped one called 'Fairy Tale'. Don't forget to add herbs to your containers. Some good ones to consider include mints, curled parsley, basil, cilantro, rosemary, thyme, tricolor sage and oregano. If you add a trellis to the container, you can add 'Violet Podded' pole beans, cucumbers, or squash.

Consider using smaller ornamental containers for individual herbs and group for ease of watering, harvesting and to get a dramatic impact.

If you are planning a container with flowers, consider where they will be located. If they will be in a shady area, a nice mix of 'Kimberly Queen' fern, 'Moonlight' caladiums, ivy and delicate maidenhair ferns provides instant drama to the garden. Impatiens, creeping Jenny, potato vines, vinca, gauras, plumbago, euphorbias, coleus, snapdragons, angelonias and lantanas are great container plants.

For a beautiful container design, remember to use the tried-and-true design tip – plant a thriller, a filler, and a spiller. Overplant your containers with large plants for immediate impact. Be sure to feed and remove spent blooms. If a plant stops being attractive, don't be shy, yank it out and replace with a new one. Don't let the soil dry out. Plants that wilt can be brought back but they don't thrive.

The great thing about containers, they can be moved if you need more color in a spot for a party.

Let your imagination be your guide and plant some dramatic containers to provide color and interest to the garden.

Happy Gardening!



# Drought and Plants

Understanding the Impact of Water Scarcity on Plant Life

## Introduction

Drought is a prolonged period of insufficient rainfall that leads to water scarcity in the environment. It is one of the most significant natural stress factors affecting plant growth and survival. With climate change intensifying the frequency and severity of droughts worldwide, understanding how drought impacts plants is essential for agriculture, horticulture, and ecosystem management.

## What is Drought?

Drought is characterized by a significant lack of water over an extended period. It can be caused by natural climate variability or human activities such as deforestation and overuse of water resources. The severity and duration of droughts can vary, but their effects are generally detrimental to both cultivated and wild plants.


## How Drought Affects Plants

Plants rely on water for vital processes, including photosynthesis, nutrient uptake, and temperature regulation. When water is limited, plants experience several physiological and biochemical changes, such as:

- **Reduced photosynthesis:** Without adequate water, the stomata (tiny pores on leaves) close to prevent water loss, limiting the intake of carbon dioxide necessary for photosynthesis.
- **Wilting:** A lack of water causes cells to lose turgor pressure, resulting in drooping leaves and stems.
- **Stunted growth:** Nutrient and water deficits slow cell division and elongation, leading to smaller or malformed plants.
- **Leaf shedding:** Some plants shed their leaves to minimize water loss during drought conditions.
- **Root system changes:** Plants may develop deeper or wider root systems in a search for water.

## Plant Adaptations to Drought

Over time, many plants have evolved strategies to survive in drought-prone environments. These adaptations include:

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- Thick, waxy cuticles: This reduces water loss from leaves.
  - Succulence: Plants like cacti store water in their stems or leaves.
  - Leaf modifications: Some plants have small or needle-like leaves to minimize surface area and water loss.
  - Dormancy: Certain plants enter a dormant state during dry periods, resuming growth when water becomes available.
  - Efficient root systems: Deep or widespread roots help access water from a larger volume of soil.

## Drought and Agriculture

Drought poses a significant threat to food security, as many crops are sensitive to water stress, especially during critical growth stages such as flowering and fruiting. Farmers employ various strategies to mitigate drought impacts, including:

- Using drought-resistant crop varieties
- Implementing efficient irrigation systems such as drip irrigation
- Practicing soil conservation techniques like mulching to retain soil moisture
- Adjusting planting schedules to avoid peak drought periods

## Drought-Resistant Plants

Some plants are naturally more tolerant to drought than others. Examples include:

- Cacti and succulents: Well-known for their ability to thrive with minimal water.
- Mediterranean herbs: Plants like rosemary, lavender, and thyme have adapted to dry conditions.
- Native grasses: Many prairie grasses have deep roots that enable survival during drought.

## Conclusion

Drought is a major environmental challenge that affects plant health, agriculture, and biodiversity. Understanding how drought impacts plants and the strategies they use to survive is crucial for developing resilient ecosystems and sustainable agricultural practices. As climate patterns continue to change, adapting to and mitigating the effects of drought will remain a critical concern for scientists, farmers, and environmentalists alike.

contributed by Sarah McReynolds, Environmental Editor

# NGC Spring Convention — St. Louis Headquarters



*Texas Garden Club members were well-represented at the NGC Spring convention in St. Louis the first week of May.*



*Presidential citations were presented by TGC, Inc. president Linda Jean Brown to NGC President Donna Donnelly (left photo) and SCR Convention chairman Felicia Jo Snowden-Sosa and co-chairman Karen Taylor (right photo).*

# SCR 98th Spring Convention — San Antonio



*District V members attended the SCR Convention Fiesta Day -- with gusto!*



*(L-R): Sarah Mc Reynolds, Heather White, District IV Trustee Sharon Wegenhoft, and Nancy Galloway are all smiles on Red, White, and Blue Day.*



*At right: One of three boats filled with garden club members enjoying the San Antonio River Walk during the SCR 98th Spring Convention.*

# 98th TGC Spring Convention — Houston



*Table decorations were created by Vilma of District IV*



*At Left: Attendees take a quick break while on a tour*



*At right: Co-Chair Cindy Heckaman, TGC President Linda Jean Brown, and Co-Chair Sharon Wegenhoft*

## TGC Members of the Year at Spring Convention



*Heather White, A&M Garden Club, District V*



*Dana Serafine, Plano Garden Club, DFSJFG, District X*



*Nominees from across the state were honored with an awards banquet during the TGC Spring Convention: Heather White (District V), Cindy Heckaman (District IV), Alexandra Taylor Cowart (District II), TGC President Linda Jean Brown, Debbie Glilispie (District III), Nan Markland (District VII), Dana Serafine (District X)*

# Summer Rose Care

By Pam Smith, Horticultural Editor

Enjoy the last flush of spring bloom and transition into summer care.

- Continue to deadhead your plants. Not only does this make for a more attractive plant in your landscape, but this also conserves the plant's energy from setting seed. To deadhead you prune down to the first 5 leaf leaflet. However, for shrub roses such as KnockOut, feel free to trim back with hedge trimmers. This is a totally appropriate way to manage the size of your KnockOut.
- Now is also the time to apply your next round of granular fertilizer. Avoid fertilizing in the heat of the summer. The dog days of summer are a time for your plants to chill and maintain the status quo. Do not push growth with fertilizer during his time. Make sure your plants are not under any moisture stress when you make the fertilizer application. If so, water well then fertilize. Apply fertilizer before adding any mulch.
- Continue to make sure you have a 3" layer of mulch. As with all plants, roses do not want mulch piled up on the crown or trunks. This plant tissue on plants becomes subject to rot and other pathogens if covered in mulch – yes even that mighty oak will suffer from mulch piled upon its trunk. This layer of mulch will moderate soil temperatures, conserve moisture, suppress weeds and feed the soil as it decomposes. I feel strongly that mulch should be natural and not dyed.
- Summer can often bring on spider mites. While there are pesticides labeled for their control, I am a fan of blasting the undersides of the leaves with water regularly. I also find that using a seaweed spray helps with this as well.
- As always continue scouting for any signs of Rose Rosette Disease. At the FIRST sign you should immediately remove the plant. If you have any question on diagnosing contact your local rose society, post pics on your favorite gardening site or you can even send to me at [smithpflower@verizon.net](mailto:smithpflower@verizon.net). Respect your fellow gardeners by removal, please.
- Watering for established roses need not be anything special. Roses are tough plants. Do a visual check of your automatic irrigation system regularly. New planting of roses and any other shrub needs to be ongoing and regular. Check the soil in the root ball to monitor.
- Remove weeds. Not only are they unsightly, but they also compete for nutrients and water. Remember weeds are called weeds partly because they can reproduce readily, so weeds beget more weeds as they flower and set seed. These seeds can remain in the soil seed bank for amazing periods of time.

While the roses may go into a state of semi dormancy during the heat of summer, a good soaking rain will often result in a flush of blooms six weeks later. Continue to stroll your garden in the cool of the day. In addition to being good for the soul, your shadow is the best way to avoid the bigger issues.



# **Bloom with US**

**NGC Flower Show School III  
October 26-28 & 29, 2026**

**Aldredge House, Dallas Texas**

**Take for Fun or Credit**

**Basil and Combination Plantings  
Creative Design**

**Flower Show Procedure  
Education &**

**Youth and Sponsored Groups**

# Comal Garden Club Visits Green Jay Nursery



Program was given by owner, Emily Hunter on Native Plants and Landscaping



We enjoyed lunch at Clear Springs Restaurant. Thirteen members attended and purchased many beautiful plants, and learned about native plants and landscaping.

# Marlin Community Garden Club at Strawberry Festival



Several members of the Marlin Community Garden Club, the first gardening club in the state of Texas - founded in 1923, spent April 25, 2026 at the Western Belle Family Farm at the Strawberry Festival in West Texas. Strawberry picking, riding in the wagon to see the grounds, ponds, and Scottish Highland Cattle ( or "Heilan Coo") were a real treat. There were 30+ farm activities, including Spring photo ops in a garden scene or atop a two-story chair, walk/rolling inside a huge water cistern, cuddling baby goats, zip lining, and enjoying a Spring-only menu like puree strawberry slushies & donuts! There were Western Belle steak tacos, Texas-sized soft pretzels, fresh kettle corn & more, too! These members wrapped up their day-long pilgrimage with a visit to local restaurants and tourism facilities for Czech kolaches and gift shopping!



# Brookhaven Garden Club Pilgrimage



*Brookhaven Garden Club members visited Michael and Mary Ellen Reed's open garden day on April 16.*

Mary Ellen and Michael Reed have a garden full of daylilies, iris, and a variety of annuals, perennials, and bulbs. There are hundreds of iris cultivars from many different hybridizers. The variety of iris spans the years from 1844 to 2022. There are also many native Texas plants distributed through the landscape. There are paths and flagstone walkways that allow visitors to discover the many planted areas and surprises throughout the garden. There are water features throughout the landscaped lot. Mature native Texas Pecans provide shaded areas. Garden guests will find plantings in the back and front as well as the side yards of the large corner lot. There is a large covered patio that visitors can use to relax and enjoy views of the yard that spread out to the Brookhaven Championship golf course.



# Brookhaven Garden Club Elects New Officers

Pictured below are members of Brookhaven Garden Club who met at the Olive Garden in Addison, TX on May 20th to have a luncheon and induct the new officers for the coming year, 2026-2027.

We're looking forward to what our new season (next fall) has in store for Brookhaven Garden Club!



## OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027

**President** Sally Mallory

**1st VP-Programs** Sarah Sanders

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**3rd VP-Flower Show** Pam Smith

**Recording Secretary** Linda Love

**Corresponding Secretary & Telephone** Denise Wanken

**Treasurer** Janet Gustafson

# Three Rivers Garden Club

## Celebrates 70 Years

The Three Rivers Garden Club celebrated their 70th year of being a federated club on Monday, May 18, 2026. The club was honored to have guests Gwen and Dennis Dewitt. Gwen presented a program on the history and hierarchy of the Garden Club from local to national.

While much has changed in the past 70 years, some things have not. In 1956, a historic drought was affecting Three Rivers, the oil and gas boom was underway, rock 'n' roll was just beginning, and the Three Rivers Garden Club was taking root with its enduring belief in conservation, gardening and civic responsibility.

The club was organized and federated in 1956 after a request was made by the mayor to form the organization. Sponsored by the Cenizo Club of McMullen County, the new club elected Jim W. Brice as the first president.

The club's projects have left a lasting impact across the community. A highlight from 1960 was receiving a \$350 civic beautification grant from Sears for improvements to Montgomery Park, which today features benches, planters and colorful landscaping maintained by club members.

Beautification of the Three Rivers City Square became one of the organization's largest long-term projects, especially as the city approached its 50th anniversary celebration in 2006. Hundreds of daylilies were planted as part of the **"Three Rivers: The Beauty of 50 Years of Progress"** campaign, and benches were later added throughout the park.

Over the years, both a men's garden club and a high school garden club were established. Although those organizations eventually faded, the Three Rivers Garden Club has endured and continues to welcome all citizens interested in gardening, conservation and civic improvement.

One of the club's most visible projects today is the Memorial Rose Garden, which includes wildflowers and pollinator-friendly plants designed to attract butterflies and bees. Members also maintain planters at the American Legion and other locations throughout town. Memorial bricks in the Rose Garden honor loved ones and supporters of the organization.

# President Linda Jean's *Ways and Means Fundraiser*



At left above, the blue and silver star burst lapel pin (1-inch by 1-inch) with a 2-inch chain and charm is available for \$15.

On the right above, this lovely 1-inch by 1-inch red star burst lapel pin with a 2-inch chain with charm is available for \$15.

Both pins will be available at the Fall Convention in Waco, TX.



In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, this 250 lapel pin (2-inch by 2-inch) will be available (limited supply) for \$20 each.

This pin will also be available at the Fall Convention in Waco, TX.

Or you may

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Set your sights on Waco and get ready to have a spectacular time! The TGC Fall Convention, hosted by the McGregor Garden Club, will be held in the Heart of Texas on Oct 20-21 at the AC Hotel in downtown Waco, just one block from the Silos. Stars on the Brazos refers to all of the attractions Waco has to offer. The Waco Suspension Bridge was the first bridge built to span the Brazos and served as a Chisolm Trail Crossing. Waco is the home of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and the Dr. Pepper Museum, the latter of which is directly across the street from the hotel. The Waco Mammoth National Monument is also located here.

Early arrivals and those wishing to sample what downtown has to offer can head over to the Encore Restaurant and Rooftop Bar located above the historic Hippodrome Theater. All excursions will be dutch treat.



The Convention starts on October 20 at the AC Hotel. Breakfast will be on your own. You can choose to dine at the hotel or try one of the several nearby breakfast venues. We hope you have your groove on because the theme for the first day is "Wild & Free!" Think the 60's, hippies, flower power and bell bottoms. Attendees will have the opportunity to make a hippy headband to add to their attire. Our speaker for lunch will be TX DOT Pollinator Coordinator, Samuel Glinski. Pollinator... Flower Power...Get it? That evening, everyone is invited to "glam it up" boho style for dinner.

On Wednesday, breakfast will again be on your own. The General Assembly is scheduled for this day. The theme for the day is "Shimmer and Shine." All things sparkly and shiny will be the order of the day. In the evening, the emphasis will change to a moonlight on water or stars in a midnight blue sky vibe. Attendees are invited to come to the craft workshop in the morning when we will be making a sparkling beaded Brazos star. The featured speaker during dinner will be Oli Pettigrew. Oli is a transplanted Englishman who has a unique and humorous perspective on what it is like to live in Texas. On this evening he will be giving us his insights into gardening in the Lone Star State.

When you need a little breather, you can check out the Silent Auction/Raffle Room and enjoy a beverage and snack from the refreshment station.

The Silos is within easy walking distance of the hotel as is the Dr. Pepper Museum. There are plenty of photo ops at both places. Silo fans may want to consider staying over after the convention because the Annual Silobration will be taking place October 22-25.

If your club would like to assist the McGregor Garden Club as we prepare for the convention we would welcome the chance to work with you. Contact Ellen Johnson at 254-447-7754 or gwj5886@gmail.com.

 Peace and Love! 

## 2026 TGC, Inc. Fall Board/Convention

October 20-21, 2026 – AC Hotel Waco, 600 Mary St, Waco, TX 76701

Print your name as you would like it to appear on your name tag.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Package includes:** Registration fee, Tuesday/Wednesday Lunch, Dinner and 2 morning workshops

Workshop#1 Hippie Headband Attending: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Workshop #2 Beaded Brazos Star Attending: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**CIRCLE** any special dietary needs: Diabetic Gluten Free Vegan Vegetarian Allergies

**EARLY PACKAGE:** Postmarked on or before September 19<sup>th</sup> \$325.00

**LATE PACKAGE:** Postmarked after September 19<sup>th</sup> \$350.00

**Registration Deadline: September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE).**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDENTIALS:** Please circle **all** that apply. NOTE: If you are unsure of anything, please do not circle it. Someone will help you when you register at the Convention.

**NGC** President, former NGC President, NGC Officer, NGC Chair, NGC Committee Member, **SCR** Director, former SCR Director, SCR Officer, SCR Chair, SCR Committee Member, **TGC** President, former TGC President, TGC Officer, TGC Trustee, TGC Chair, District Director, Club President, Club Delegate, Club Member, Club Alternate, Affiliate Member, Council President, Landscape Design Consultant, Garden School Consultant, Environmental Studies Consultant,

**Life Member:** NGC SCR TGC District

**Flower Show Judge:** Student Accredited Life Master Emeritus **First Time:** Attendee, Spouse, Speaker, Guest

**Make checks payable to: *McGregor Garden Club/Fall Convention***

Mail check and registration form to: Della Setser 103 Lariat Trail McGregor, TX 76657

Hotel Accommodations at the AC Waco: \$179.00 + tax (Garage Parking): \$12:00 per day

Hotel Reservations (254)910-8900 Group Rate: Texas Garden Club Fall Convention **OR** use QR Code



Use the camera on your cell phone. A yellow box will appear around the code.

Click on app.marriott.com to access the hotel website.

**DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS: SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> NO EXCEPTIONS**

# TGC Youth Awards 2025

## Texas Garden Clubs Environmental Poster Red-Tailed Hawk

### Grade One

1 <sup>st</sup>	Huaqi Guo	A & M Garden Club	District V
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alyvia Valencia	Town & Country Garden Club	District VIII

### Grade Two

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kaylie Marney	Town & Country Garden Club	District VIII
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### Grade Three

1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlie Boyle	A & M Garden Club	District V
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Philip Stewart	A & M Garden Club	District V
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jaylie Carr	Town & Country Garden Club	District VIII

### Grade Four

1 <sup>st</sup>	Stella Sutphin	A & M Garden Club	District V
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Abigail Kendrick	Town & Country Garden Club	District VIII

## South Central Region # 19 Bird Poster Roadrunner

### Grade Four

1 <sup>st</sup>	Elizabeth Chapman	A & M Garden Club	District V
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke Nazier	San Saba Garden Club	District V
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Camryn Jacobs	San Saba Garden Club	District V

### Grade Five

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rylee Foster	Arp Garden Club	District III
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alyssa Cook	Arp Garden Club	District III

### Grade Six

1 <sup>st</sup>	Addison Coufal	A & M Garden Club	District V
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### Grade Seven

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sydney Weis	Arp Garden Club	District III
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## South Central Region # 20 Poetry

### Kindergarten

1 <sup>st</sup>	Asher Carrington	San Saba Garden Club	District V
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yaretzi Rocha	San Saba Garden Club	District V
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christian Estrada	San Saba Garden Club	District V

### Grade One

1 <sup>st</sup>	Alex Valencia	Town & Country Garden Club	District VIII
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### Grade Two

No Entries

### Grade Three

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lynleigh Moore	Arp Garden Club	District III
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sophia Lowry	Arp Garden Club	District III

### Grade Four

1 <sup>st</sup>	Amy Curry	A & M Garden Club	District V
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ameer Farrej	A & M Garden Club	District V

### Grade Five

1 <sup>st</sup>	Alyssa Cook	Arp Garden Club	District III
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bentley Correa	Arp Garden Club	District III
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Adelynn Glaspie	Arp Garden Club	District III

### Grade Six

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carter Brown	Arp Garden Club	District III
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Liam Hopson	Newton Garden Club	District III
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Evie Pollock	Newton Garden Club	District III
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Samuel Davison	Newton Garden Club	District III

### Grade Seven

1 <sup>st</sup>	Madisyn Dupre	Newton Garden Club	District III
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Owen Davison	Newton Garden Club	District III

### Grade Eight

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jeannie Davison	Newton Garden Club	District III
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jemmah Semons	Newton Garden Club	District III
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jason Flowers	Newton Garden Club	District III

### Grade Nine

1 <sup>st</sup>	Salam Farraj	A & M Garden Club	District V
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### **Grade Ten**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jessah Semons	Newton Garden Club	District III
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gracey Nichols	Arp Garden Club	District III
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Preslee Correa	Arp Garden Club	District III
HM	Lucan Enriquez	Arp Garden Club	District III

### **Grade Eleven**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Calley Brown	Arp Garden Club	District III
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Daniel Shibu	Sunnyvale Garden Club	District X

### **Grade Twelve**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Marissa Vanover	Arp Garden Club	District III
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hackley Crawford	A & M Garden Club	District V

## **South Central Region # 21 Sculpture**

### **Grade Four**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Addie Lane Werland	Columbus Garden Club	District IV
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cash Reyes	San Saba Garden Club	District V
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arisbel Paez	San Saba Garden Club	District V
HM	Dayler Barrier	San Saba Garden Club	District V

### **Grade Five**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Abigail Gonzales	Sunnyvale Garden Club	District X
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rhonda Schonenberg	Columbus Garden Club	District IV

## **South Central Region #22 Smokey Bear**

### **Grade One**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ellie Greener	Kingwood Garden Club	District IV
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chloe Ehm	Sunnyvale Garden Club	District X

### **Grade Two**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kaci Stryk	Linden Garden Club	District III
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Asher Beckerman	A & M Garden Club	District V
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isla Kelly	Sunnyvale Garden Club	District X

### **Grade Three**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Huong Nguyen	A & M Garden Club	District V
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yolanda Uvalde	Linden Garden Club	District III
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harper Stephens	San Saba Garden Club	District V

**Grade Four**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jade Champlin	A & M Garden Club	District V
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grace Badey	Grapeland Garden Club	District III
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Violet Bass	Bluebonnet Garden Club of Brenham	District IV

**Grade Five**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rider Craig	Grapeland Garden Club	District III
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Julia Contreras	Sunnyvale Garden Club	District X

**#22 Woodsey Owl****Grade One**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Blakely Haskens	Arp Garden Club	District III
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**Grade Two**

No Entries

**Grade Three**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Anasua Islam	A & M Garden Club	District V
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emily Walters	San Saba Garden Club	District V

**Grade Four**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vera May	A & M Garden Club	District V
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wrenlyn Holder	Bluebonnet Garden Club of Brenham	District IV

**Grade Five**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Zoey Miller	Sunnyvale Garden Club	District X
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# TGC Awards 2025

## **TGC CLUB SERVICE AWARD –**

ARP GARDEN CLUB – 539.4 POINTS

KYLE GARDEN CLUB – 273 POINTS

KINGWOOD GARDEN CLUB – 60 POINTS

## **TGC ARBOR DAY AWARD –**

FRANKSTON GARDEN CLUB – 1ST GREEN MEDIUM - WENT ON TO SCR

INGELSIDE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST GREEN LARGE

SAN AUGUSTINE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST BRONZE MEDIUM

EL DEDON VERDE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST BRONZE LARGE

HOUSTON FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS – 1ST – LARGE – WENT ON TO SCR

## **TGC ART-PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD**

KINGWOOD GARDEN CLUB – ANNE HARTMANN – 1ST PLACE

BRIDGELAND GARDEN CLUB – ROSE POOLE – 2ND PLACE

COLUMBUS GARDEN CLUB – MARIAN SCHONENBERG – 3RD PLACE

## **TGC BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT AWARD –**

FRIENDS OF OAK CLIFF PARKS – 1ST – GREEN SMALL

ARP GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GREEN MEDIUM

## **TGC BUTTERFLY PRESERVATION EDUCATION AWARD –**

FRIENDS OF OAK CLIFF PARKS – 1ST – GREEN SMALL

ARP GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GREEN MEDIUM

EL DEDON VERDE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – BRONZE LARGE

HEARTSTONE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GOLD MEDIUM

## **TGC WILDFLOWER PRESERVATION AWARD**

ARP GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GREEN MEDIUM

## **TGC CLUB HISTORY AWARD –**

MESQUITE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GOLD LARGE

KINGWOOD GARDEN CLUB – 2ND – GOLD LARGE

KYLE GARDEN CLUB – 3rd – GREEN LARGE

COMAL GARDEN CLUB- 1ST – GOLD SMALL

**TGC CLUB PROGRAM AWARD –**

HUNT GARDEN CLUB – GOLD LARGE- 1st

KINGWOOD GARDEN CLUB – GOLD LARGE-2nd

**TGC COMMUNITY CONCERN –**

ARP GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GREEN MEDIUM – WENT ON TO SCR

SUPER SEEDERS GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – BRONZE SMALL – WENT ON TO SCR

COMAL GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GOLD SMALL -

MESQUITE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GOLD LARGE – WENT ON TO SCR

**TGC COMMUNITY SERVICE –**

ARP GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GREEN MEDIUM

SUNNYVALE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GOLD LARGE

**MARY BADHAM KITTEL AWARD –**

HUNT GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GOLD LARGE

**TGC HORTICULTURE AWARD OF MERIT –**

MESQUITE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST- GOLD LARGE

**LITTER/RECYCLING/RECLAMATION AWARD –**

COLUMBUS GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GOLD MEDIUM

**TGC POCKET GARDENS –**

ARP GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GREEN MEDIUM

ROSE GARDEN CLUB OF MEDINA – 1ST – BRONZE LARGE

HONDO GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GOLD MEDIUM

HUNT GARDEN CLUB – 1st – GOLD LARGE

KINGWOOD GARDEN CLUB – 2nd – GOLD LARGE

**TGC NOVEMBER/DECEMBER AWARD –**

FRIENDS OF OAK CLIFF PARKS – 1ST – GREEN SMALL

COTULLA GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GREEN MEDIUM

ARP GARDEN CLUB – 2nd- GREEN MEDIUM

ROSE GARDEN CLUB MEDINA – 1ST – BRONZE LARGE

DESIGNERS & DIGGERS GARDEN STUDY CLUB – 2ND – BRONZE LARGE

LEAGUE CITY GARDEN CLUB – 3rd – BRONZE LARGE

COLUMBUS GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GOLD MEDIUM

**TGC SCRAPBOOK AWARD –**

ARP GARDEN CLUB – 1ST- GREEN MEDIUM

MEXIA GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – BRONZE MEDIUM

**TGC WILDFLOWER PRESERVATION AWARD –**

FRIENDS OF OAK CLIFF PARKS – 1ST – GREEN SMALL

ARP GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GREEN MEDIUM

**TGC WILDFLOWER EDUCATION AWARD –**

FRIENDS OF OAK CLIFF PARKS – 1ST- GREEN SMALL

**TGC FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES AWARD –**

KYLE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST PLACE – GREEN LARGE

EL DEDON VERDE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST PLACE – BRONZE LARGE

HEARTHSTONE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST PLACE – GOLD LARGE

**TGC YEARBOOKS AWARD –**

**GREEN YEARBOOKS –**

TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GREEN MEDIUM

ARP GARDEN CLUB – 2ND – GREEN MEDIUM

MASON GARDEN CLUB – 3RDND- GREEN MEDIUM

COTULLA GARDEN CLUB – HM – GREEN MEDIUM

KYLE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GREEN LARGE

**BRONZE YEARBOOKS –**

SUPER SEEDERS GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – BRONZE SMALL

KERMIT GARDEN CLUB – 2ND – BRONZE SMALL

TERRELL HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB – 3RD – BRONZE SMALL

MEXIA GARDEN CLUB – HM – BRONZE SMALL

HALLETSVILLE GARDEN CLUB – HM- BRONZE SMALL

TERRELL HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB – HM- BRONZE SMALL

TEMPLE GARDEN CLUB – 3RD PLACE -BRONZE MEDIUM

A&M GARDEN CLUB – 2ND PLACE - BRONZE  
MEDIUM

BROWNING COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB – HM - BRONZE MEDIUM

MCGREGOR GARDEN CLUB – 1ST PLACE - BRONZE MEDIUM

OCEAN DRIVE GARDEN CLUB – HM - BRONZE MEDIUM

PETAL PUSHERS GARDEN CLUB – HM – BRONZE MEDIUM

EVERGREEN GARDEN CLUB – HM – BRONZE MEDIUM

CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB – HM – BRONZE MEDIUM

PRESTONWOOD ESTATES GARDEN CLUB- HM- BRONZE MEDIUM

SMITHVILLE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – BRONZE LARGE

GEORGETOWN GARDEN CLUB – 2ND – BRONZE LARGE

EL DEDON VERDE GARDEN CLUB- 3RD – BRONZE LARGE

ROSE GARDEN CLUB MEDINA –HM- BRONZE LARGE

LEAGUE CITY GARDEN CLUB – HM- BRONZE LARGE

SILVER YEARBOOKS –

WEIMAR GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – SILVER MEDIUM

PIONETTE GARDEN CLUB – 2ND – SILVER MEDIUM

GOLD YEARBOOKS –

COMAL GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – GOLD SMALL – WENT ON TO SCR

FAR CORNERS GARDEN STUDY CLUB – 2ND – GOLD SMALL

SAN ANGELO GARDEN CLUB – 1ST - GOLD MEDIUM – WENT ON TO SCR

VIOLET CROWN GARDEN CLUB – 2ND- GOLD MEDIUM

ABILENE GARDEN CLUB – 3RD – GOLD MEDIUM

BLUEBONNET GARDEN CLUB – HM - GOLD MEDIUM

HONDO GARDEN CLUB – HM – GOLD MEDIUM

DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB – HM – GOLD MEDIUM

HUNT GARDEN CLUB – 1ST - GOLD LARGE

KINGWOOD – 2ND – GOLD LARGE

SUNNYVALE GARDEN CLUB – 3RD - GOLD LARGE – WENT ON TO SCR

MESQUITE GARDEN CLUB – HM- GOLD LARGE

**COUNCIL/AFFILIATES YEARBOOKS -**

DESIGNERS WITH FLAIR – 1ST PLACE

DALLAS FLOWER SHOW JUDGES FOUNDERS GROUP- 1ST PLACE

OAK CLIFF GARDEN FORUM- 1ST PLACE

DALLAS COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS- 1ST PLACE

TEXAS DAFFODIL SOCIETY -1ST PLACE

HOUSTON FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS- 1ST PLACE

**PRESIDENT'S REPORTS -**

ARP GARDEN CLUB – 1ST PLACE – GREEN MEDIUM

NEWTON GARDEN CLUB – 1ST PLACE – BRONZE MEDIUM

RAYBURN BLOOMERS GARDEN CLUB – 1ST PLACE – SILVER LARGE

TOMBALL GARDEN CLUB – 1ST PLACE- GREEN MEDIUM

HALLETSVILLE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST – BRONZE SMALL

WEIMAR GARDEN CLUB – 1ST PLACE – SILVER MEDIUM –

HEARTHSTONE GARDEN CLUB – 1ST PLACE – GOLD MEDIUM

## OUR FABULOUS INSTRUCTORS

**Lynn Fronk, Georgia Flower Show Procedure: & Education & Youth/Sponsored Groups Design: Creative Design**

An NGC Master Flower Judge and a Flower Show Schools Design and Procedure Instructor, Lynn has taught in 42 states and six countries. A Past President of GC of Ohio and a member of the Flower Show Schools Committee, Lynn is also an NGC Master Environmental Consultant and a Gardening Consultant. Currently a Member of Crabapple and Stonehenge Garden Clubs, Creative Arrangers of the Americas, The Designer's Club of Georgia, and the National Flower Arranger Guild, Lynn now lives in Flowery Branch Georgia and is the author of "Merry Christmas from My House to Yours."

**Danielle Brabazon, Maryland Horticulture: Basil & Combination Planting**

Danielle, a Pennsylvania farm girl, earned a PhD in Chemistry and received tenure before deciding that raising two children was more important. The world of garden clubs presented itself and twenty-five years later, she became President of the National Capital Area Garden Club. Her husband supports their backyard gardening as they experiment with vegetables, shrubs, and perennials. Danielle loves to travel and looks forward to inspiring others to appreciate the wonders of Horticulture through Flower Show School.



**For a successful Flower Show School experience STUDY the course syllabus and be familiar with the Handbook before the course begins. Bring your outline and Handbook to school.**



### **GROW WITH US**

Flower Show School III is the third in a series of four courses. NGC recommends that schools be taken in sequential order, but it is not required.

All are invited to attend. NGC members who take the full course with exams are eligible for credit.

### **Become a flower show judge**

**Plan a beautiful educational Flower Show  
Learn more about Horticulture and Design  
Discover other Divisions**

Join this unique experience. Become an active part of flower shows. Learn more about growing, preparing, planning staging, and judging for smooth, seamless, successful shows!

Register early to guarantee space and supplies. Front seats are reserved for students taking the course for credit.

**Garden Clubs are encouraged to sponsor and provide registration for at least one member.**

**Interested in learning more about Flower shows? Visit NGC Flower Shows on [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org)**

National Garden Club, Inc



**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL III  
Growing, Staging, Exhibiting, Judging**  
October 26-28 & 29, 2026

The Historic Aldredge House  
5500 Swiss Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75214

Sponsored by:

DALLAS FLOWER SHOW JUDGES  
FOUNDERS GROUP



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210-587-9861

**Gina Woods, Registrar**  
5350 Springmeadow Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75229-4331  
[gina@tropicalsbygina.com](mailto:gina@tropicalsbygina.com)  
214-566-3924

Registration forms also available  
[Texasgardencubs.org](http://Texasgardencubs.org)

**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE III  
October 26-28 & 29, 2026**

**Deadline to register September 21, 2026.**  
Complete this registration form and mail with check payable to **DFSJFG** (Dallas Flower Show Judges Founders Group) to Registrar, **Gina Woods, 5350 Springmeadow Dr., Dallas, TX 75229-4331,**

**Email [gina@tropicalsbygina.com](mailto:gina@tropicalsbygina.com)**

**No Refunds after Sept 21, 2026**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle \$ amount  
**FSS II Registration \$20.00**

**NGC Fee for credit \$ 5.00**

**Full time Student \$150.00**

**Daily:** Flower Show Procedure \$40.00

.....Horticulture \$90.00

.....Design \$90.00

\*Course Outlines Emailed.

\*Printed Handouts \$15.00\*

Lunch (Circle day) Wed. \$20 Thurs. \$20

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE**

**ALL SESSIONS BEGIN PROMPTLY.**

**Students must attend all sessions to receive credit**

**PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL**

**Monday, October 26, 2026**

12:30 - 1:00 pm Registration

1:00-3:00 Flower Show Procedure

3:00 - 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:15 pm FSP Exam

**Tuesday, October 27: Horticulture**

**Wednesday, October 28: Design**

9:00 -9:15 Registration, coffee, and Announcements

9:15 – 10:45 Design/Horticulture

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 - 12:30 Design\ Horticulture

12:30 – 1:15 Lunch

1:15 – 3:15 Practice Point Scoring

3:15 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 5:30 Point Score Exam

Written Exam Horticulture & Design for credit **Thursday, October 29, 2026**

Location TBD Coffee: 9:15 am

Exam: 9:305-11:30 am

**SCHOOL LOCATION:**

The Historic Aldredge House  
5500 Swiss Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75214

**Hotel Information:** There are many options in the Dallas area. Suggested options:

Element Dallas 469-399-1049  
4005 Gaston Ave, Dallas, TX 75246

Hampton Inn and Suites 214-361-0033  
10370 N. Central Espy, Dallas 75231

**Information: School Chairman:**

Jan Myrick, 210-587-9861  
DallasFlowerShowJudges@gmail.com

**Clipboard provided**

**Required Reading: Course Outlines**

*The National Gardener Magazine Online Handbook for Flower Shows, 2025 Revision*

**(See Instructors' Outlines for HB pages)**

Digital Handbook 2025 Revision Free available on the NGC website

**Possession of Handbook required for Credit.**

*Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*

**Can be purchased from the NGC store: [gardenclub.org/our-store](http://gardenclub.org/our-store)**

**Recommended reading**

*Designing by Types by Harriet Osborn, Ed.*

# DFSJFG Officers Induction Ceremony and Luncheon



## **Thank you to all who served 2025-26**

President - Alexandra Taylor Cowart

1st VP Membership - Carol Coughran

2nd VPs Programs - Dana Serafine and Sarah McReynolds

3rd VP Credentials, Audit, Ethics, Judges Information, Yearbook and Awards - Rachel Clark

Recording Secretary - Linda Love

Treasurer - Glna Woods

Historian - Annie Hibbs

Parliamentarian and Flower Show School Chair- Jan Myrick

Prep Judges - Robin McMahan

Delegates - Dana Serafine, Carol Coughran, Robin McMahan, Karen Murrell

## **Incoming Officers for 2026-2027**

President - Alexandra Taylor-Cowart

1st VP Membership - Carol Coughran

2nd VP Programs - Open

3rd VP Credentials - Karen Murrell

Recording Secretary - Annie Hibbs

Treasurer - Dana Serafine.



## District IV Remembers

*Sue Ann Durrett*

President TGC, Inc.  
(2003-2005)

**Active member of  
TGC, Inc. and NGC, Inc.  
for more than 30 years**

**THANK YOU!**

Your presence  
made it a success!

Thanks from District IV

to everyone who attended the  
TGC, Inc. Spring Convention 2026  
Hosted in Houston  
by District IV

— Reminder —

2026 Environmental Poster Contest  
will be the beautiful **Wood Duck**



Michelle Terry, TGC President Youth Contest Environmental Poster Chairman  
302 West College | Coleman, TX 76831 | [madplanter2024@yahoo.com](mailto:madplanter2024@yahoo.com)

# Calendar 2026-2027

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. | (817) 332-6602 | [tgc.headquarters@gmail.com](mailto:tgc.headquarters@gmail.com)

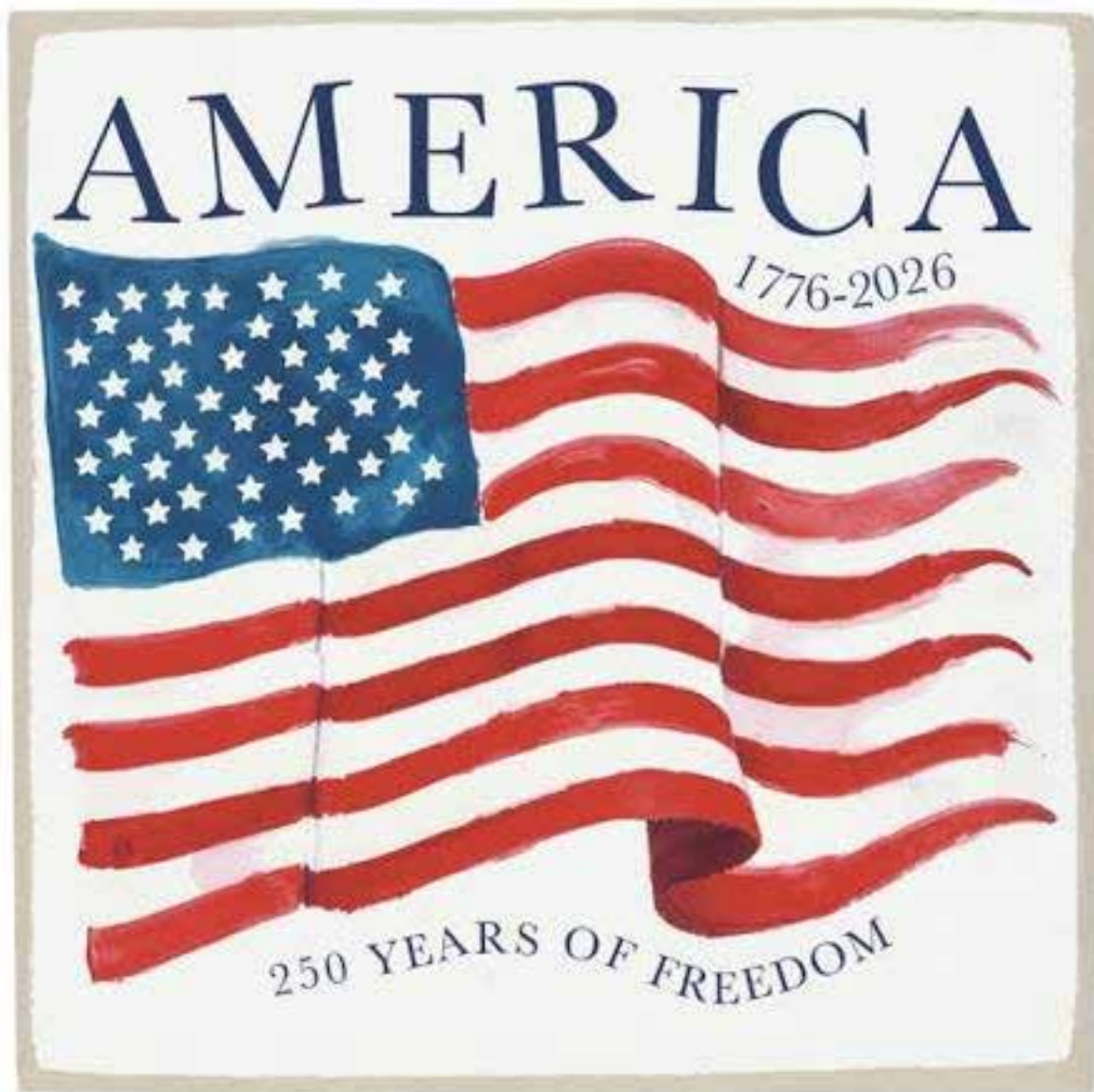
<b>NGC Events</b>	May 4-6, 2026 - NGC Spring Convention - St. Louis, MO October 13-15, 2026 - Houston, TX
<b>TGC Events</b>	April 7-9, 2026 - 98th TGC Spring Convention - Houston, TX - Marriott Houston North Hotel, 255 Sam Houston Parkway, Houston, TX. Cindy Heckman and Sharon Wegenhoft, Co-Chairs
<b>SCR Events</b>	April 27-29, 2026 - SCR Spring Convention - Historic Menger Hotel, San Antonio, TX
<b>Flower Show Schools</b>	October 26-29, 2026 - Dallas Flower Show School III - Aldredge House, 5500 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX NGC Flower Show School IV - March 8-10 and 11, 2027 - Chairman Jan Myrick, <a href="mailto:dallasflowershowjudges@gmail.com">dallasflowershowjudges@gmail.com</a> . Registrar Gina Woods, <a href="mailto:gina@tropicalsbygina.com">gina@tropicalsbygina.com</a>
<b>Environmental School</b>	August 2026 - Course 2 - Fort Parker State Park, 194 Park Road, Mexia, TX
<b>Gardening Study School</b>	
<b>Landscape Design School</b>	February 9-10, 2027 - Course 2 - George H.W. Bush Presidential Library, College Station, TX

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