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# President's Message



Dear Garden Club Members,

*W*hat a summer! The entire state was regularly pelted with rainstorms. The best part was we really appreciated the sunny days even though the temperature soared to the seasonal 100's. Although Fall is my favorite season, I hate the summer passing so quickly! Well, here we are again,

school has started and the holidays are again just around the corner! But we can finally spend a little more time in the garden and get some control over those pesky weeds and vines that have enjoyed the summer weather and taken over!

Camp Wildwood was a wonderful experience for many 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year campers. Thank you to all the clubs that continue to support this rewarding and fulfilling experience for 135 young people. The leadership skills they learned will last a lifetime. You have spent your club money well and changed a teen's future for the better!

The GCSC EXPO was well attended and as exciting as ever! Mike DeBruhl, President of the SC Bluebird Society presented a very interesting program and the Yellow Jessamine GC 'Birds' entertained us with a hilarious skit! We all enjoyed catching up with friends from across the state, and picking up info from the District Directors and GCSC Chairmen.

Thank you for sending me your Yearbooks, you know I love them so! You continue to amaze me with your projects, programs and activities and I absolutely love how so many have incorporated birds into your themes!

Thank you to all the clubs that have invited me to speak at your meetings. I have really enjoyed my visits with you and learned a lot! Don't forget to utilize our Affiliates for programs as well; they are waiting for your call!

Enjoy the Fall, plant lots of native trees, shrubs and perennials to 'Feed the Birds' come springtime!

Please check the GCSC Master Calendar for upcoming GCSC activities.

Sincerely,

*Donna*

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## GCSC Affiliates

Audubon SC  
Moor Farms and Botanical Garden  
Pearl Fryer Topiary Garden  
Plant, Food Body, Jenks Farmer  
Riverbanks Zoo and Garden  
SC Bluebird Society  
SC Botanical Garden, Clemson  
SC Native Plant Society  
SC Wildlife Federation

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## On the Cover

GCSC Juried Art & Photography Contest

Overall Winners:

Front Cover: 'Swans' by Terry Newman  
Back Cover: 'Cedar Waxwing' by Nancy Combs

# President's Projects



## ‘Feed the Birds’

Chairman Mary Reeves

reevesmary3@gmail.com

Rather than the “lazy days of Summer”, our ‘Feed the Birds’ Presidents’ Project has opened all types of contacts from our GCSC members and from outside our ranks also.

A delightful contact was from a Dataw Island club member who wrote ” ..... thought I was keeping up on conservation and preservation, but what the heck is that “Restoration Ecology” you mention in The SC Gardener? I want to know more!”.

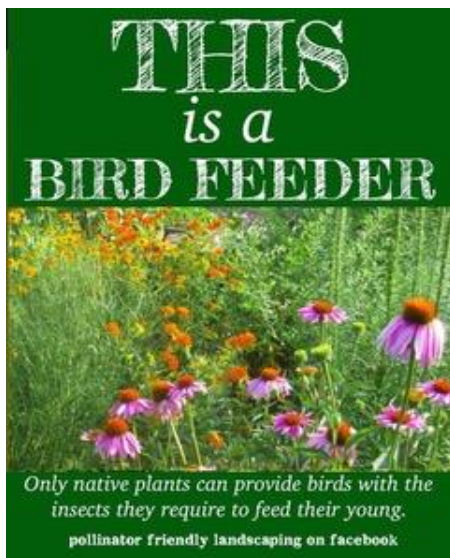
Isn’t it great that our Gardener is being read and questioned !!.

Restoration Ecology is a term coined by Michael Rosenzweig in 2003, but as you read IT, IT really isn’t NEW. The scientific definition of Rosenzweigs’ term is: “the science of inventing, establishing, and maintaining new habitats to conserve species diversity in places where people live, work and play”. What it means to you and me is sharing our present habitat **deliberately with other species**, to learn how to share within our boundaries, not establishing only artificial habitats of large parks and acreages but in our own community and **in our own yard**.

In my exploration, I discovered Dr. Madhu Katti, who joined NC State in August 2016, in a Chancellor’s Faculty Excellence Program in Leadership in Public Science. Katti, an associate professor in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Science, studies animals and plants in cities with the goal of applying understanding toward reconciling biodiversity conservation with human development. His research also focuses on the behavioral effects of humans on other species, e.g. effects of urban noise on birdsong.

In email exchanges with Madhu he is so passionate about birds and restoration of habitats that he is very open to speaking engagements in South Carolina. [mkatti@ncsu.edu](mailto:mkatti@ncsu.edu)

Wherever he speaks, lets us listen!!





# Life Members 2017 - 2018

## Life Memberships - the Book of Life

Chairmen: Margaret Graham

A gift of a Life Membership maybe given to any individual deserving an honor such as a state or club president, a husband, a wife, someone in the community who shares our garden club interests...or you! The current cost is a one-time fee of \$50 and can be purchased at any time by submitting the application form found on the GCSC Website. A SC Life Membership Pin can be purchased for \$10 at the time of the purchase of the membership or later from the GCSC Life Membership Chairman. Membership fees are split equally and support the Babs Barnette Scholarship Fund and the Memorial Garden Funds. New life members help fund important GCSC objectives and receive a membership certificate. They are recognized at the State Meeting and the biennial GCSC Convention. Their names and their districts are published in the SC Gardener annually.

### South Carolina Life Members

2017 - 2018

**President:** Donna Donnelly

**Chairman:** Margaret Graham

4242 Laura Hardee (C )

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4256 Lane Irick (EL)

4244 Sherri Bardsley (EL)

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4245 Debbie Manning (C )

4258 Harriet Brown (EL)

4246 Sandy Barker (C )

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4260 Deborah Brannen (EL)

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4264 Dollie Morrell (C)

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4265 Shirley Huggins (C)

4254 Molly Pittman (C)

4266 Sandy Huggins (EPD)

# Belize II



## *Again with Dr. Patrick McMillan*

Emmy Award winning television host of 'Expeditions with Patrick McMillan', writer, Naturalist and Director of the SC Botanical Garden, Clemson.

**February 20-26, 2019**

5 nights/6 days *Limited to 20 reservations!*

## **Orchid Bay Resort**

Enjoy tropical beauty and tranquility. Situated on the Bay of Chetumal in Northern Belize it is perched at the edge of an extensive marine biosphere, which makes it a marine birding paradise! It features one of the most serene beaches in all of Belize. Its mangrove environment offers over 200 varieties of wild orchids! The nearby Maya Cerros Ruins are the only marine Mayan ruins in the world!

**\$1,830** per person/double occupancy

(Includes luxurious beach cabana/breakfast, lunch, dinner, daily tours, Orchid Bay Resort shirt, round trip transfers from Belize Airport, plus more!) Additional charge for AIR FARE

Contact Harold Donnelly 803-378-1911 hed567@aol.com

**This trip supports the 2017-2019 GCSC President's Project at the  
South Carolina Botanical Garden, Clemson, Birding Garden**

# Featured District

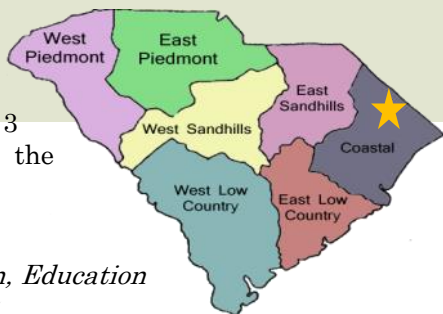
## Coastal District

Allyson McCoy Hirsh, District Director  
Susan Carter, Co-Director

The Coastal District includes all or portions of Horry, Marion, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Williamsburg and Berkeley Counties. There are 3 Councils and 22 Federated clubs in the Coastal District.

Coastal District's Theme is:

*"Nurturing Birds Through: conservation, Education and Protection"*



Coastal District Awards Workshop

The Coastal District held an awards workshop and luncheon at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club Oct. 26. GCSC Awards Chairman Yvonne Jordan led the group in active discussion. Attendees took hand outs back to their respective clubs. Garden club members had plenty of questions which were all answered by Yvonne Jordan. A great afternoon of camaraderie and learning was enjoyed by all.

## Driftwood Garden Club

by Ginny Cooper

The Driftwood Garden Club celebrated National Garden Week in high style beginning with a formal Remembering Our Veterans and Honor Guard Presentation at the Little River SC Welcome Center on Highway 17. The American Legion Post 186 led by Captain Frank Shields and the Little River SC Welcome Center Manager Shelby Boulineau participated in the time-honored program.



Driftwood President, Sandy Barker (right) delivering the Opening Welcome and Remarks.

Members made wreaths that were placed at six Blue Star Markers honoring

# Featured District

## Coastal District (Continued)

those in our community who serve or served in the armed forces as well as placed at the Public Safety Personnel Marker at the Barefoot Fire Station. Floral arrangements of various members were displayed at City Hall, the City's two libraries, the main Post Office, and at the Little River SC Welcome Center.



Over four days, the Club visited each of its members' gardens to admire the fruits of their labor, pick up a seedling or two as well as share growing tips.

The amazing week ended with the Club's inaugural Garden Tour in celebration of the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Those who participated toured eight private gardens, La Belle Amie Vineyard and the NMB Historical Museum. In support of the Garden Club of South Carolina President's theme "Birds of a Feather Garden Together", the Club installed handcrafted and hand-painted Carolina Wren bird houses at all ten sites – adding substantially to the Wren trail started earlier this year in City parks and now throughout the community. We had visitors from other garden clubs such as Georgetown, Pawleys Island, Conway, and Loris. We also had a variety of gardens, small landscapes, established yards, container gardens. Driftwood is so appreciative of the fabulous homeowners for kindly allowing the community to tour their beautiful and creative gardens, to La Belle Amie Vineyard and the North Myrtle Beach Historical Museum for their hospitality and support, and to its generous Tour sponsors including Carolina Greenery, Eagle Nest Golf Club, Elliott Realty, Home Depot, Little Nursery Farm, and Plants Direct. Proceeds from the Garden Tour will benefit the Club's civic beautification projects.



Driftwood Garden Club members at the Little River SC Welcome Center Blue Star Marker with American Legion Post 186, Welcome Center manager, and members of the public on June 4, 2018. Wreath designed by Linda Siceloff.



# Featured District

## Coastal District (Continued)

### Georgetown Garden Club

To celebrate National Garden Week, the Georgetown Garden Club planted the three flower boxes at the Georgetown County Library as well as decorating the display cases in the lobby. Despite the intense heat and fire ants, the Club managed to clean up the boxes and plant additional asparagus fern and yellow



Library Planter



Back (L to R): Linda Lung, Celie Travis, Sandy Hicks, Nancy Wetsel, Brenda Stroup, Melanie Blackwell Front Row: Peggy Nagy, Ginger Odom, president, Anne Marie Hoyle

Purslane. The display cases showcase the Plant America theme, the National Garden Club's theme 2018 National Garden Week.

### Myrtle Beach Garden Club

The Myrtle Beach Garden Club celebrated it's 70th anniversary in 2017. The club was founded and federated in 1947. The City of Myrtle Beach became a town in 1938 and a city in 1957. Currently, the club has 50 active members. One of the current members joined the Myrtle Beach Garden Club as a young lady in 1971. The event was documented with a photo and article in The Sun News, the local newspaper. The anniversary year was celebrated with a variety of events each month. The club took a field trip to Horry County Solid Waste Authority and Recycling Center. A Beach Sweep was held with the Girl Scouts to clean a section of Myrtle Beach and two public beach access areas. The club visited Huntington Beach State Park known for the vast array of migrating birds and water fowl. The club planted arbor vitae trees at Savannah's Playground a play area and park for people with special needs. The club visited Conway, the county seat to see the Horry County Museum and the L.W. Paul Living History Museum. In keeping with the GCSC bird



Donation Box

# Featured District

## Coastal District (Continued)

theme, Myrtle Beach Garden Club attended at Myrtle Beach Pelicans baseball game. The club name was announced and recognized on the marque. We went as a group to Columbia to attend the EXPO. The club held a chapeau luncheon at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club.



70th Anniversary Celebration

## Yellow Jessamine Garden Club

The Yellow Jessamine Garden Club observed National Garden Club Week on Sunday, June 3-Saturday, June 9, 2018, as proclaimed by the Governor of South Carolina, Henry McMaster and the City of Dillon Mayor, Todd Davis. An arrangement was placed at the Dillon County Chamber of Commerce in honor of this notable day. The Yellow Jessamine Garden Club celebrated National Garden Club Week by participating in several projects each day, throughout the week. From maintaining and planting azaleas in the flower bed at The City of Dillon Wellness Center to placing flowers on two deceased member's graves, the Yellow Jessamine Garden Club met the goals and objectives for the NGC and GCSC positively impacted local neighborhoods.



L to R: Cathy McDaniel, Larue Bracey, Glenda Campbell, President Mary Ricks, and Mildred Mishue

# Camp Wildwood Camper of the Week

## Camper of the Week - Andrew Chapman

My time at Camp Wildwood was truly amazing. In the short few days that I spent in Kings Mountain State Park, I made some memories that would last a lifetime. It was incredible that our group became so close in such a short amount of time. Camp seemed to go by slowly at first, but then it flew by as we became a whole. We started camp as strangers, created friendships, and left as family.

The program presented at Camp Wildwood was educational and interesting. I enjoyed the wildlife class and was able to earn my hunters education certificate. Being named Camper of The Week was a great honor. I was surprised and humbled by being chosen for this award. I am very thankful for all the sponsors and staff that made this camp possible for myself and other South Carolina high school students. Camp Wildwood is a great asset and offers many opportunities for young people in the state of South Carolina. ~ *Andrew Chapman*

## Camper of the Week Lanie Hopkins

Summer 2018 was my first trip to Camp Wildwood and I must say it was a life-changing experience. Camp Wildwood is a place where everyone is accepted and loved and where differences are put aside. I was amazed that in just seven days, strangers came together as a team and became my family. I learned so much from my new family and with their support and encouragement I also learned a lot about myself. I am especially thankful for the Camp Wildwood staff who made this the best week of my life and taught me the importance of trust. I am also thankful for the sponsors and coordinators who believe in this camp and its campers.

Being awarded female camper of the week was an incredible honor and meant the world to me. I cannot begin to express the gratitude I felt, and continue to feel, in receiving this honor and for the lasting friendships I made during my week at Camp Wildwood. I love my new family and cannot wait to come back next year. ~ *Lanie Hopkins*



Campers of the Week, 2018 Andrew Chapman and Lanie Hopkins with President Donna Donnelly

# Featured Articles

## Memorial Garden Capitol Project - 2018

Donna Donnelly, GCSC President

Dear GCSC Members,

The Memorial Garden is a true beauty spot and GCSC's very own property. A wonderful gift to GCSC from Mrs. Sarah Boyleston in July 1945. Her gracious bequest specified GCSC is responsible for the Memorial Garden's upkeep and is to maintain it as a permanent memorial to the citizens of South Carolina "who have served or will serve in the armed forces of WWII". GCSC accepted this largess and have maintained the Memorial Garden since then. I am sure Mrs. Boyleston would be very proud of GCSC's nurturing and love of the Memorial Garden, which continues to be enjoyed by many garden club members, veterans and citizens of South Carolina.

The last several years GCSC has worked with the Lace House Events Director to offer the Memorial Garden for wedding events. The funds realized from this joint venture have helped GCSC with monthly maintenance costs and long term care of the garden.

As you may know, over the years severe drainage issues have occurred that have resulted in poor grass coverage in certain areas of the garden. We have addressed this with new sod several times during several administrations. Recently, due to heavy rainfall, the unappealing and unattractive look of the grass-less muddy areas, especially at the bottom of the Boyleston Gate steps, has resulted in diminished wedding rentals of the Memorial Garden. The Lace House Director, who works with SCPRT (South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism), is keenly aware of the drainage problem in the garden and the subsequent loss of revenue to GCSC.



The Lace House and SCPRT have offered to help GCSC with this problem. This past spring they paid RML Landscape firm \$9,600 to look at the Memorial Garden and give a report and estimate of the work needed. The plan includes grading the muddy areas, clearing the underground drainage system of roots and debris, modifying the irrigation system, planting new sod and creating a large drainage system at the top of the Boyleston Gate stairs to divert rain water that collects there whenever it rains.



# Featured Articles

## Memorial Garden Capitol Project - 2018 (continued)

The entire project will cost \$38,200. SCPRT and GCSC will each be responsible for \$19,100. The GCSC funds will come from the Memorial Garden Investment Account. This extensive capitol project to preserve the Memorial Garden will be a much-needed underground facelift and the answer to the persistent rainwater that collects in the garden.

The project will start in late September and should be completed in early December. The progress will be updated in the SC Gardener Winter Issue.



Photo of Boyleston Gate Steps

Pledge to support our Memorial Garden. Send donations to GCSC Treasurer, 701 Gervais St., Suite 150-142, Columbia, SC 29201





State Christmas Tree Carolighting  
6pm  
SC State House  
1100 Gervais St,  
Columbia, SC.

Help support the State Christmas Tree Project by Purchasing the new GCSC Christmas Tree Ornament for \$20. Contact GCSC Logo Chairman:

Susan Berry: [susanberry@yahoo](mailto:susanberry@yahoo).



# Featured Articles

## Bird Migration Coming to (and Through) South Carolina

Matt Johnson

Director of Bird Conservation & Engagement

Audubon South Carolina

Ah, September. Just thinking about this month brings to mind (slightly) cooler temperatures, the promise of Fall, and for me, bird migration. One of the world's greatest phenomena will be taking place this month as millions of birds, pouring down from nesting sites further north, pass through our state on their annual journeys south. Some will arrive in South Carolina and stay for the winter, but for many, we are just a stopover point on a much longer trip.

Just think: you may wake up one morning and have a bird feeding in your yard that could have just flown all night and hundreds of miles, just to wind up eating insects off of your (hopefully native) plants! These migrants include warblers and tanagers, vireos and thrushes – all following that internal instinct to wander, only to return again next spring.

Luckily for all of us, bird migration is a statewide spectacle in South Carolina. No matter where you live, there are migration hotspots that are certainly worth visiting this time of year if you hope to catch a glimpse of these transient visitors.

To determine just where to find these hotspots, it's helpful to know a little about bird migration, especially the paths that birds take while flying south. While much is still unknown about exactly *how* birds accomplish this feat, it is believed that Earth's magnetism and celestial cues aid in navigation, while geographic formations – such as mountains, rivers and coastlines – can help funnel birds into relatively concentrated areas.

So when I'm planning a birding trip during migration, I head for places that are associated with these geographic landmarks. If you live in the Upstate, the state parks near the foothills of the Appalachians are great places to visit, including Jones Gap, Caesar's Head, Table Rock and Oconee. In addition to songbirds, Caesar's Head State Park is perhaps the best place in South Carolina to witness raptor migration, as thousands of hawks, eagles and other species pass through the Carolinas. The South Carolina Botanical Gardens in Clemson is also an excellent birding spot during the fall.

In the Midlands and the Aiken/Augusta areas, think river corridors. Congaree National Park outside of Columbia offers some excellent hiking and birding. Silver Bluff Audubon Center, along the Savannah River, is another great spot to visit.

If you live near the coast, there is no shortage of places to check out. Huntington Beach State Park near Murrells Inlet is a must-visit. In

# Featured Articles

## Bird Migration Coming to (and Through) South Carolina

(Continued)

addition to songbirds at this park, it's an excellent place to see migrating shorebirds and seabirds. In the Charleston area, I like Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve, located at the north end of Folly Beach. Birds crossing the harbor often land at this southern edge and feed in the maritime forest, while shorebirds and seabirds can often be seen roosting along the beach.

The Beaufort/Hilton Head area has its own list of hotspots, including Savannah and Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuges and Hunting Island State Park.

Regardless of where you live, I urge you to get outside this migration season and enjoy this wonderful wildlife spectacle. We are lucky to have such a diversity of birds that call South Carolina home, even if only for a short time. And remember that, wherever you are, there are easy things that you can do for birds during this crucial time of year to help provide them with safe passage. Planting native plants, providing fresh water in a birdbath, and keeping cats indoors—especially at dawn and dusk—are all bird-friendly habits that will provide a helping hand to these birds that we all love so dearly.

Happy Fall birding to all of you!



**Matt Johnson**

**Audubon of South Carolina**

**Director of Bird Conservation & Engagement**

Matt is one of the experts in bird biology at the Audubon of South Carolina. He manages many key projects; from remapping South Carolina's Important Bird Areas to avian research. Matt, whose BS and Masters are from Clemson, also helps build bird-friendly communities, teaches bird-friendly forestry, and leads bird walks around the state.

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# State Expo 2018

## The 2018 EXPO

By Dee LeMay, GCSC 3rd Vice President

A great event is the end result of great attendees and great supporters coming together! And I want to thank you all!

200+ Garden Club members gathered for our summer meeting – The EXPO – which was held in Columbia on July 14th at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. Our fun events included eating, talking, eating, learning, eating, and of course, shopping!



For learning, we added a new workshop on how to submit a winning art award which was entertainingly presented by Beverly Tippens, President of the GC Council of Greater Columbia and Juried Art & Photography Contest Judge. We expect a huge number of submissions for 2019!

Yvonne Jordan, 2nd Vice President, also held an awards workshop for club awards. There were many attendees with a lot of questions. She encouraged members to send in their awards applications “sooner than later”. Many awards have already been submitted.



Mike DeBruhl, President of the SC Bluebird Society, presented a delightful program on one of our favorite birds.

Another highlight was the Yellow Jessamine GC Birds as they interacted with the crowd during Glenda Campbell’s narration of “My Forever Home” written by Melissa Moody. We had many new, interesting vendors, some of which are garden club members – Sally Handley (Simpsonville GC), Betty



# State Expo 2018

## The 2018 EXPO (Continued)

Reese and Terry Newman (Azalea GC of Sumter). Michael Pound, East Lowcountry District Director, and Dean Culley returned with his Lady Bug Décor wares. Also returning were Randall Castleberry, who came all the way from Alabama to bring his artistic driftwood, Cecelia & Aubrey DesPortes (pottery), and Daniel Payne (plants).

Of course, what would a great gathering be without great food and tons of it! Thanks to our generous District Directors and their garden club members, we provided plenty of tasty treats. Our bounty was cheerfully served by a terrific hospitality group and chairman Roberta Casaceli (Hillcrest GC). She was graciously helped by Lill Stoltzfus, her grandson Davalyan and Libby Stills (Blackville GC) and the Red Hat Ladies lead by Alice Tubley who enthusiastically helped until the last crumb was swept away!



*Red Hat Ladies (Bay Blossom GC): Gloria Douglass, Lynda Smith, Doris Kahn, Elaine Kennerly, Eva O'Brien, & Alice Tubley*

# State Expo 2018

## State Expo 2018 Photo Gallery



District Registration



Mike DeBruhl, SC Blue Bird Society



Dee LeMay, 3rd VP with Donna  
Donnelly, President



Andy Cabe Director Riverbanks  
Botanical Garden

# State Expo 2018

## State Expo 2018 Photo Gallery



Yummy Buffet



Left to Right: Yvonne Jordan - 2nd VP, Dee LeMay - 3rd VP, Donna Donnelly - President, Trish Bender, 1st VP



Pineapple sculpture by Lil Stolzfas, Blackville GC



Bird Skit Yellow Jessamine Garden Club



Shirley Smith, Petal Pushers Garden Club



*Come to Beautiful  
Beaufort by the Bay*

**Eighty-Ninth State Convention**

*The Garden Club of  
South Carolina, Inc.*



**April 11-13, 2019**

**Tabby Place at  
The Beaufort Inn**



# GCSC NEW MEMBER CONTEST 2018-2019

## “GROWING OUR FLOCK”



**Starts April 26, 2018- Ends April 17, 2019**

**Club President completes form below and sends to sandieduerksen@gmail.com or by post to 165 Double Eagle Ct. Aiken, SC 29803.**

**Winner will be announced by a drawing at our “National Bird Day Party”!!! at GCSC 2019 Spring Convention.**

**NO MONEY NEEDED.....ONLY GOOD FUN..... so let’s “feather your club’s nest” and send out some bird calls! We need YOU!!!!**

**PS.... First Prize will fly you out of your nest....your club will thank you..... and so will I!!!!**

**Sandie Duerksen, Membership Chairman  
2017/2019**

**803-644-5242/803-645-2871**



**Cut here and send to Sandie**

**New Member Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Name and District** \_\_\_\_\_

**President Name and email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Joined** \_\_\_\_\_

**President Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

# Master Calendar of Events 2018

## THE GARDEN CLUB OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC

### *“Birds of a Feather Garden Together!”*

October 4	NAJCSC Judges Club Meeting
October 9-12	Bus Tour to Mt. Vernon, White House and Monticello
October 15	Deadline for SC Gardener Winter Issue
November 11	Veterans Day Celebration - CANCELLED due to work in the Memorial Garden
November 15	HS Essay Contest entries to Maida Dantzler
November 15	Deadline for Garden Tour ads Winter SC Gardener
November 26	State Christmas Tree Lighting, State House, Columbia
December 15	All State Awards Applications due to State Awards Chairman Yvonne Jordan

### *First GCSC Commemorative Christmas Ornament*

The Garden Club of South Carolina is now offering the first ornament commemorating our President and the President's theme. This first in a series is engraved on the back with President Donna Donnelly, 2017-2019 and her Theme: “Birds of a Feather Garden Together.

\$20.00 plus Shipping & Handling

Order through Logo Sales:

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Orangeburg SC 29118

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2017-2019 Commemorative Ornament

# District News

## East Low Country

District Director: Michael Pound

Co-Director: Sue Lawley

### St. Paul's Garden Club

Submitted By: Ginny King

On Saturday April 21, 2018 St. Paul's Garden Club invited guests to explore our private gardens in St. Paul's Parish. We had 9 garden's featured to explore and offered a lovely lunch for our guests. It was an exciting day, and fun to share our garden's with the public. It was very well attended, and we received many glowing reports from our visitors and members as well. We will be having another tour this year on April 6, 2019. We will also be celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> year anniversary! Come join us this year, we would love to celebrate our anniversary and share our Parish garden's and history with you.



# District News

## East Piedmont (Continued)

### Lancaster Garden Club

Submitted by Carolyn Tolson

National Garden Week was celebrated by beautifying the entrance to the new Christian Services-Hope Center. Ann Ferguson, Lancaster Garden Club - NGW Chairman, planned and orchestrated the planting with evergreens, perennials, and annuals on the first day. Tamara Greene-Garris, Mayor Pro-tem, presented a Proclamation for National Garden Week from the City to President Pat Clancy on the second day. Carolyn Tolson, GCSC Chairman-National Garden Week attended.



### Spartanburg Council Celebrates 83rd Anniversary

Spartanburg Garden Club Council was organized on January 29, 1935. Their purpose is exclusively educational and charitable: to stimulate the Knowledge and Love of Gardening among amateurs and children; to promote education in Horticulture, Landscape Design and Floral Arts Design through schools and to promote conservation and protection of our wildlife and all natural resources; to promote civic beautification and development. The Spartanburg Garden Club Council is a Member of East Piedmont District.



Standing (L-R): Becky Crow, Beth Waddell, Denie Crowder, Nancy Gibson, Nancy Raynor, Myra Soderlund, Marion Atkins, Elaine Brockman, Dee Lemay, and Loretta Gilchrist.

Seated (L-R): Pat Abercrombie, Mary Ann Kirby, GCSC President Donna Donnelly, Lanie Trout and Elaine Wade.



# District News

## East Piedmont

District Director: Wayne Deal

Co-Director: Elaine Wade

### Gardening on the Cay Garden Club

Submitted By: Donna Donnelly

This is the Gardening on the Cay GC, Gina Ginther President, East Piedmont District. Shown here they are celebrating the Blue Star Marker they refurbished on Flag Day. It is located at the new Fort Mill Welcome Center on I77. Their featured guest and honoree is Bayles Mack. Bayles is a prominent Fort Mill native and a veteran. His name is attached to the stretch of highway and has the second monument there.



Top (L-R): Gina Ginther, Bayles Mack, Peggy Little, Devon Harris.



Left (L-R): Betsy Steele, Elaine Wade, Donna Donnelly

Corrections to Summer 2018 Issue:

Pg 23: incorrectly listed Drifwood GC in the heading. The correct title is Conway Garden Club Council Winter Gathering.

Pg. 23: The article for Dirftwood Garden Club's Carolina Wren Trail was submitted by Ginny Cooper

# District News

## East Piedmont District (continued)

### Spartanburg Council Awards

Submitted by Mary Ann Kirby

Spartanburg Garden Club Council Awards presentation included 2018 Woman of the Year, Lanie Kelly Trout and 2018 Garden Club of the Year, Fairforest Garden Club. GCSC President Donna Donnelly received a donation to the “Feed the Birds” project presented in Honor of Fredericka Wilson at the Children's Garden at Riverbank Zoo.



Lanie Kelly Trout 2018 Woman of the Year



Joyce Mabrey, Angela Ariail and Terry Thraillkill accepting the Honor of Club of the Year for Fairforest Garden Club.



Garden Club of South Carolina President, Donna Donnelly receiving the Feed the Birds project donation made in honor of Fredericka Wilson.

## East Sandhills District

District Director: Jennifer McCutcheon

Co-Director: Radine Tate

### Florence Azalea Home & Garden Club Spread Homemade Cheer at Faith Healthcare Facility

Submitted by Tonita Perry

**July 20, 2018, FLORENCE, S.C.** – The Florence Azalea Home & Garden Club spread cheer for Mother's and Father's Day at Faith HealthCare Center in Florence, S.C. Club members handmade over 100 baskets and distributed them to the residents.

"It was with great pleasure we could celebrate Mother's and Father's Day with the residents," said President Debra Lowery. "Often times we forget about those who may not be able with their loved ones on these special days. To know as a club, we were able to bring a smile their faces and possibly a fun memory was a joy for us all."

Club members Diane Mills-Wright and Lucille Speights spearheaded the project by teaching members how to make sturdy woven baskets out of recycled newspaper. Once the



Facility Officials and FAHGC Members Excited to Spread Cheer (L to R): Faith HealthCare Official, Lucille Speights, Diane Mills-Wright, Barbara McClary, Faith HelathCare Official

baskets were woven they were spray paint in a variety of colors. Each basket was filled with personal items, which included socks, tissue box, deodorant, a toothbrush kit, for men shaving supplies, and for women small plants.

Mrs. Lowery said, "For our membership to be able to gift each resident with a handmade item that is environmentally sound, that can be used for as long as they would love to, was a no brainer for our membership. To be able to move inside to spread even more happiness has been a delight for all of us, as this was our last project for the garden year."

Florence Azalea is in its second garden year for which it has partnered with Faith HealthCare. Membership beautifies the facility entrance by planting flowers, as well weeding and trimming as needed. The reaction from the

# District News

## East Sandhills District (Continued)

residents is normally one of joy to see the beautiful flowers, as they come out to get sun.

Located in Florence, S.C., Faith HealthCare Facility is a residential nursing home facility to over 100 patients with various medical needs. Organized in 1948, and federated in 1974, the Florence Azalea Home & Garden Club is the only garden club in the city of Florence, S.C. that has a neighborhood mini park named for its garden club.



Club Member Lucille Speights weeding Before and after handmade basket project. and trimming facility entrance

## Bishopville Garden Club Celebrates 80th Anniversary

Submitted by Jennifer McCutcheon

The Bishopville Garden Club celebrated their 80th Anniversary this year by having a garden tour on Saturday May 26, 2018. Eight gardens were on the tour, six of which were garden club members. It was a gorgeous day and when the tour was over the members and their spouses kicked back, put their feet up and enjoyed delicious food and great fellowship at a cookout that was hosted by one of the garden club members. The Bishopville Garden Club was federated in 1938.

The Bishopville Garden Club maintains a "Plant It Pink" garden at the corner of South Main Street and Ridge Street in Bishopville





# District News

## East Sandhills District (Continued)

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# District News

## West Low Country District

District Director: Ann Sheets

Co-Director: Nancy Karl

### Dogwood Garden Club

Submitted by Sheryl King

The Dogwood Garden Club of Orangeburg joined other garden clubs around the country in celebrating National Garden Club Week, June 3-9, 2018. The theme of "Plant America" inspired some members to share flowering shrubs which could be planted and enjoyed by the community at public buildings and businesses. Other members shared fresh floral arrangements to brighten areas seen by many people on a daily basis to promote awareness of the week.

To commemorate and publicize National Garden Club Week, floral arrangements were delivered to the Orangeburg Fine Arts Center, the Chamber of Commerce, The Regional Medical Center, the Mabry Cancer Center, and the Church of the Redeemer. Morningside Assisted Living, and the Orangeburg County Library were presented with rose bushes that were planted near the entrances of each perspective facility. Club members Susan Berry, Lynn Brock, Angie Hydrick, Leona Mack, Roxie Milhouse, Patty Pickens, Pam Reynolds, and Becky Wienges participated in the event.



Leona Mack, Dogwood Garden Club Member and GCSC Life Member at Morningside Assisted Living.

## West Piedmont District

District Director: Marguerite P. Warren

Co-Director: Dee LeMay

### Lake and Hills Garden Club - Natural Heritage Garden Trail

Submitted by Laurie Flanagan

Imagine being able to traverse and experience all 11 South Carolina ecosystems in under two hours!

Lake and Hills Garden Club (LHGC) members did just that on May 12 when they explored the Natural Heritage Trail (NHT) at the South Carolina Botanical Garden (SCBG) in Clemson, SC. James Wilkins, SCBG Education and Resource Coordinator, described South Carolina's native plant communities and ecosystems as members hiked from the mountains to the coast along the NHT. Garden Club members began their journey at the Cove Habitats and Mountain Bog. Then, Club members meandered past the Piedmont Woodlands and Carolina Bay, which soon gave way to the Piedmont Prairie. Beyond the Prairie, Garden Club members finally reached the coastal regions while experiencing the Carnivorous Plants, Longleaf Pine Savanna, and Picosin habitats. Garden Club members wrapped up their NHT discoveries at the Bog, Maritime Forest and Coastal Shell Ring Habitats.

This "Let's Go Out and Learn" adventure followed the May 11 program of the LHGC during which Allison Kelly, NHT Manager, enthusiastically promoted the diversity and richness of the Natural Heritage Garden (NHG). The NHG is the largest, most comprehensive collection of native plants and habitats in a South Carolina public garden and in the Southeast.

A living outdoor museum, the Garden and Trail are wonderful ways for Garden Club members from all over the state to connect with a unique combination of plants, habitats and ecological processes and have fun at the same time.



James Wilkins (far left), SCBG Education and Resource Coordinator, described native plants and habitats as Club members hiked along the Natural Heritage Trail.



## West Piedmont District (Continued)

### Pickens Garden Club - Flowering Bridge Garden Tour

Submitted by Salena Day

It's not often that you have the opportunity to view gardens recognized by the National Wildlife Federation as a Certified wildlife Habitat situated on a bridge! That is exactly what Pickens members enjoyed on a recent road trip to the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge.



Special garden beds and unique displays along the old bridge converted to a pedestrian walkway and garden over a river feeding into beautiful Lake Lure. The bridge offers more than 700 species of plants tended by local volunteers that were enjoyed by all on a beautiful day.

Members also enjoyed a boat tour of Lake Lure and a lunch on the boat. Following tour of the garden, all headed back to Pickens. Of course, there was a brief detour to gift shops in near-by Chimney Rock before groups concluded this fun filled day!

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# District News

## West Piedmont District (Continued)

### Shamrock Garden Club

Submitted by Barbara Warren

Our current active members with longest membership-- Sue Butler (28+ years) and Dot Terry (27+ years)-- enjoyed the Iva Chili Cook-Off where SGC held a fundraiser in October 2017. (Top Left)

Some members along with Frances Bostic admired the tiger lily, daylily, iris, and gladiola beds on the farm of new member Vivian Warren. (Top Right)

New SGC vice-president Barbara Warren welcomed speaker Alice Perry of the Due West Garden Club to their 2018 spring brunch at the Grey House and yard for a plant share and recruitment program; the club almost disbanded but membership went from 3 to 17! (Bottom Left)

Sue Butler hosted the May meeting with a lovely luncheon at her home as Alice Perry demonstrated lasagna gardening. (Bottom Right)



## West Piedmont District (Continued)

### Shamrock Garden Club (Continued)

As a result of the February 2018 coffee recruitment program on birdhouse plans given by Dot Terry at her home at her 200-acre farm, Frances Bostic reaped numerous new garden habitats --bird houses and a butterfly house (built by her husband Raymond Bostic). (Bottom Left)

In June 2018, Sue Butler replaced plants in two entrance flower beds for their Iva Library project for librarian Becky Thompson; Sue maintains the flower beds all year long. (Bottom Right)



## Unit One Garden Club - "Garden Time in the South"

Submitted by Charlotte Cabri

In the 1930s, Mattie Abney Hartzog began keeping a gardening diary as well as a scrapbook of articles on horticulture. She filled ledger after ledger with her handwritten comments on everything from bulbs, boxwoods and birds to the vagaries of weather in her hometown of Greenwood, S.C Those ledgers would evolve into her 370-page book, "Garden Time in the South." Published in 1951 by J. Horace McFarland Co. of Harrisburg, Penn., it can now be found in university and public libraries from Delaware and Florida to Michigan and California.

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## West Piedmont District (Continued)

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Born in 1887, Mrs. Hartzog was a charter member and past president of Unit One Garden Club, the first garden club organized in Greenwood, S.C., in 1928. Recently her niece by marriage, Josephine B. Abney, donated a copy of her aunt's book to the club.

Mrs. Abney is 99 years old, though she refers to herself as 99 going on 120. Both Mrs. Abney and her Aunt Mattie's book have stood the test of time. Mrs. Abney is still an active member of Unit One. Her aunt's book is still a valuable resource for developing a garden in the South. It covers everything from soil preparation to seasonal tasks and plant selection. Also invaluable are her monthly suggestions for garden club programs.

Whether current garden clubbers check out the book in their local libraries or are lucky enough to locate a copy through eBay or Amazon, they will discover a kindred gardening spirit through Mattie Abney Hartzog's writings.

Those who love working in their gardens will instantly relate to the pleasure and problems of gardening as conveyed by Mrs. Hartzog in her diary section. What a picture she paints in this entry from May 8: “Our ‘field’ of poppies is a delightful sight, with larkspurs scattered about it and honeysuckle growing on a fence as a background. We don't mind seeing ‘something going,’ such as bulb foliage dying, for there is much ‘coming on,’ including swan river daisies (*Brachycome*), painted daisies (*Pyrethrum*) and coreopsis. Our idea of a real garden is something going, something coming and something at its best all the time.”

Mrs. Hartzog reveals herself as a practical and practicing gardener. Information on the book's jacket notes: “Color, harmony, fragrance, outdoor living and plants for special purposes are treated fully and understandingly. Evergreen and deciduous trees especially good in the South are listed and described. Minor features such as hedges and ground covers are not overlooked. One helpful chapter tells how to raise the most important garden specialties such as daffodils, roses, azaleas and boxwood, in the South. Vegetables, fruit and herbs receive consideration.”



## West Piedmont District (Continued)

Then there are Mrs. Hartzog's month-by-month suggestions for garden club programs. For instance, she lists the following topics for April:

- A garden for fragrance.
- Vines for the garden.
- Rock gardens, how to make; suitable plants.
- Lily pools, how to construct; formal, naturalistic.
- Talk on period gardens. Discussion: landscaping and planting communities.
- Famous South Carolina gardens. (Suggests other state gardens for various months.)

Mrs. Hartzog goes one step farther recommending a floral display for each month. Her April suggestion is a "display specimen tulip or arrangement in which tulips are used for the living room."

Until her death in 1970 at age 83, Mrs. Hartzog lived a life enriched by her passion for growing things. She shared that passion through columns in her local paper, *The Index-Journal*, and articles in *Flower Grower* magazine, as well as in her book. Today, through that book, "Garden Time in the South," she continues to enrich the lives of others who want to pursue the pleasures of gardening. Such is the legacy of this remarkable woman.



## West Sandhills

District Director: Jan Burch

Co-Director: Kay Williams

### Columbia Garden Club - May Luncheon

Submitted by Jan Burch

The Columbia Garden Club held its annual end-of-the-year luncheon on May 3, 2018 at the South Carolina Governor's Mansion Mall adjoining the Lace House. The club enjoys a special relationship with the Governor's Mansion due to its long-standing project to decorate the Mansion each Christmas, and through its support of the Garden Club of South Carolina's Memorial Garden located in the Mansion complex.

The co-chairs Miranda Hagen and Sabrina Barr carried the theme of "In Full Bloom" throughout the event. They held the *al fresco* luncheon under a tent next to the fountain on the Mall. The members and guests enjoyed



## West Sandhills

District Director: Jan Burch

Co-Director: Kay Williams

### Columbia Garden Club - May Luncheon

Submitted by Jan Burch (continued)

aperitifs of Pink Blossom cocktails and raspberry lemonade accompanied by a string duo of cello and violin. The tables under the tent were decorated with tulips, roses, hydrangeas and fragrant stock. For the luncheon, they served minted pea soup garnished with fresh edible pea flowers,



shrimp salad in a puff pastry box with petite spring greens, and strawberry cake with garnished with fresh edible dahlias.

Among the 90 guests were Peggy McMaster, First Lady of South Carolina, Donna Donnelly, President of the Garden Club of South Carolina, and Jan Burch, West Sandhills District Director. Also attending was Dolly Patton, Executive Director of the Saluda Shoals Foundation, who received a grant of \$8,000 from the Columbia Garden Club for installation of a handicap accessible playground at Saluda Shoals park.

Party favors of "In Full Bloom" perfume donated by Kate Spade New York and assorted door prizes reflected the "In Full Bloom" theme. In addition, Honorary Life club member Yvonne Russell graciously shared *Baptisia alba* seeds from her garden.

**SAR Director 2019-2021** The incoming SAR Director is Carolyn McCafferty of West Virginia and Alternate Director is June Ashworth, West Virginia

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**March 28-30, 2019 Williamsburg, VA**

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- The convention will open on Friday, March 29th at 9:00 a.m. the luncheon will feature “Dueling Designers” David Pippin and Al Brockwell.

## **National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention 2019**

**April 29 - May 2, 2019 Biloxi, MS**

Beau Rivage Hotel & Casino

More information will be posted in the next Issue



# Awards

**Deadline: SAR & NGC Awards is December 15<sup>th</sup> to GCSC State Awards Chairman**

**SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION SPECIAL PROJECT 2017-2019  
SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION  
DIRECTORS PROJECT 2017-2019.**

**Judy Barnes, Director**

**Plant, Protect, and Preserve our South Atlantic Region; Its national parks, state parks, public lands and community spaces.**

There are many ways we, as SAR members, can contribute to the beauty of our lands. From picking up litter to educating the public on the plants that thrive in our 5 state regions, to working in public areas to repair and replace damaged plants.

It is our responsibility to take the lead and Plant, Protect, and Preserve our South Atlantic Region.

To encourage our clubs an award has been established by the South Atlantic Region Director, Judy Barnes and is in effect for the two years of her term. A \$100.00 Award will be presented in 2018 and one in 2019 to the clubs who have shown the most effort in Protecting and Preserving our public lands.

- Club must be a member in good standing of its state organization.
- Application should be sent to the State SAR Director's Project Chairman. That Chairman will select one entry to forward to the SAR Director's Project Chairman.
- The application should contain a description of the project, the club members involved and any outside organization assistance (monetary or physical).
- The Application should be no more than 3 pages, one side only. It may include pictures (preferably before and after), and any published information such as newspaper or other media coverage.
- Applications may be submitted electronically.
- Deadline for submission to the State Chairman is December 1.
- Deadline for State Chairman to submit application to SAR Chairman is January 10.
- Awards will be presented at the SAR Regional Meetings in 2018 and 2019.

The crucial portion of the application should explain why the club took on the project.

# Awards

What was the purpose. What did they hope to gain and did the project accomplish its purpose? And did those participating in the project finish it with a sense of being a part of protecting and preserving our lands.

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## NGC PLANT AMERICA

### Nancy Hargroves, NGC President

Grants Available for 2018-2019 Providing Financial Support to Club Projects

National Garden Clubs, Inc. grant program for clubs entitled PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants has a simple application process. The purpose of the grant program is to provide financial support for new or existing club projects in their respective communities all across the United States.



Individual garden clubs that are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. may apply for funds up to \$1,000 for the direct expenses of projects. Clubs that received a PLANT AMERICA grant for 2017-2018 are not eligible to apply. The deadline for applications is October 15, 2018. Recipients of grants will be notified, and all money will be awarded by January 31, 2019. Projects must be completed by February 28, 2020, and final report forms are due by April 1, 2020.

Recognition for Young Gardeners and the Adults Who Teach Them

- Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant
- The Augusta H. Brewer Certificate of Merit
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- Conservation Award for Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club



# Awards

- High School Gardeners Achievement
- Youth Environmental Concern Award
- Junior Garden Club Horticulture Award
- High School Distinguished Service Project
- Youth Related and Adults Working with Youth
- Youth Horticulture Education
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NGC website: **[gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org)**

## **GCSC State Awards** **Yvonne Jordan, Chairman**

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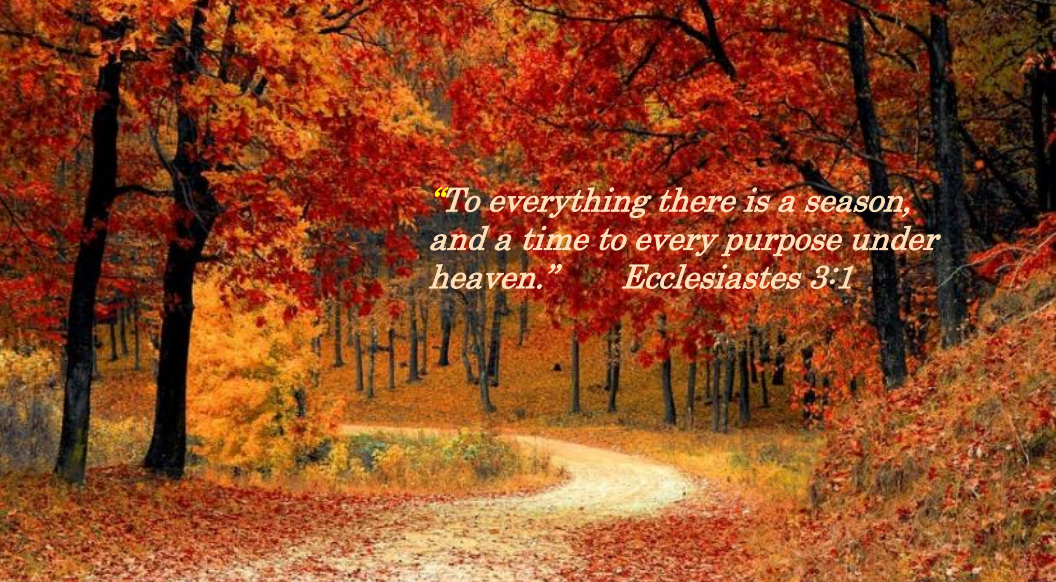
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**GCSC State Awards Deadline: DECEMBER 15**



GCSC President Donna Donnelly receives NGC awards from NGC President Nancy Hargroves at the NGC Convention held in Philadelphia, May 2018



*"To everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under  
heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1*

With the change of season from summer to fall, comes the back to business with each local club across our state. Plans made during the summer months must now be implemented. Exciting programs will truly make us "flock together" like the birds as many of our feathered friends head south for the winter season.

Fall finds us all busy. Family life requires an adjusted schedule. Community and church activities are calling for volunteers and we have our garden clubs reminding us of our commitment made when we joined! How can we achieve it all? Only by tending our personal lives as if they were gardens.

As gardens require attention and proper maintenance, so do our lives. Let's begin this fall season by letting go of outdated ideas and people who can pull us down. Weed out unnecessary and unwanted items on your agenda and set new and reasonable goals. Keep in mind that you are God's creation and He has great plans for you; therefore, I suggest that you seek his will and way for your life. God has chosen just the right spot in which you have been planted and you may be sure that he has carefully prepared the soil for your growth. Thank Him daily for proper nourishment.

May each of you enjoy a productive fall season! May your club grow and prosper.

Blessings,

*Mary B. Rivers*

GCSC Chaplain

*Dear Lord,*

*Thank you for the change of seasons. May they remind us that as we move through the seasons of our individual lives, we too are changing. Help us to accept these changes and continue to serve as we are able.*

*Amen*

# Groups of Birds

Birds of Prey (Hawks, Falcons)-Cast,  
cauldron, kettle

Cormorants-Flight, gulp

Chickens-Brood, clutch, peep

Crows-Murder, congress, horde

Doves-dole, flight, piteousness

Ducks-Rafts, team, brace, paddling

Eagles-convocation, congregation, aerie

Finches-Charms

Flamingos-Flamboyance

Geese-Gaggle, plump, skein

Gulls-Colony

Herons-Siege, sedge

Jays-Band, party, scold

Lark-Bevy, exaltation, ascension

Owls-Parliament, wisdom, study

Pheasant-Nye

Raven-conspiracy, unkindness

Snipe-Wisp

Starlings-Chattering, affliction

Swallows-Flight

Swans-Wedge, ballet, lamentation

Turkeys-Rafter, gobble

Woodpecker-Descent

Wren-Herd, chime

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