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FALL 2019



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Sept. 12-13	Gardening School, IA Arboretum, Madrid
Sept 16	FGCI Fall Board Meeting, Clear Lake
Sept. 18-20	National Fall Board Mtg, St. Louis, MO
October 7-8	Central Region Convention, St. Louis, MO

DATEBOOK 2020

April 24	District 6 Meeting, Emmetsburg
May 1	District 2 Meeting, TBA
May 4	FGCI Spring Board Meeting, Clear Lake
May 11-14	NGC Convention in Milwaukee, WI
June 1	District 4, 5 & 7 Meeting, TBA
June 7-13	NGC Garden Week
June 22-23	FGCI State Flower Show & Meeting, Clear Lake
August 23-24	Judges Symposium
Sept 14	FGCI Fall Board Meeting, Clear Lake
Sept. 24-26	NGC Fall Board Meeting, Fargo, ND

Datebook 2021

June 21-22	FGCI State Flower Show & Meeting, Clear Lake
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! It is my pleasure to be your FGCI president for the next two years! Our Iowa theme is "The Joy of Gardening". We're going to explore what gives us joy in the garden! It may be while we're communing with nature or cooking with freshly grown produce and herbs. It could be through our photography when we get the perfect shot of our family with our flowers in the background! What calls you to 'garden'? Taking care of plants whether inside or outside, has a lot of benefits. According to the Garden Gate magazine, August 2018 edition, researchers have found that contact with the soil bacteria *Mycobacterium vaccae* increases serotonin, the chemical in your brain that elevates your mood and strengthens your immune system. Whatever the reason – I know gardening brings me joy.



The 2019-2021 goals include:

- To show ourselves and others the beauty of gardening
- To explore gardening for all –in whatever way works
- To increase state membership.

The National Garden Club theme 'Plant America' will continue, but one of the focuses from NGC President Gay Austin includes "Plant America with Membership". While the national slogan is to increase membership 21% by '21, our state goal is 1,000 club members from our current 928 state members. The board will be looking at some ways to help clubs increase their memberships and more will be coming on this in the Winter NEWS.

Don't hesitate to contact me with your own 'joy' of gardening! Check out the State President's Project for more information on this.

Carpe' Diem! [Seize the Day!]

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**NOTE - SAVE THIS ISSUE. IT CONTAINS ALL THE
UPDATED MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED FOR 2019-2021.**

**THERE HAS BEEN NOT ONLY A CHANGE IN STATE
PRESIDENT BUT ALSO A CHANGE IN AWARDS CHAIRMAN,
STATE TREASURER and District Directors.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Theme: THE JOY OF GARDENING

What brings you 'Joy in Gardening'? During my term, 2019-2021 FGCI President, I would like to award a first place (\$50), a second place (\$30), and a third place (\$20) each year to know what brings you joy in gardening as a club. For the club award, submit a picture and a brief description of what activity/event your club held that brought joy to your club and your community by June 1 each year. The winners will be announced at the State meetings to be held June 22-23, 2020 and June 21-22, 2021 at the Clear Lake Best Western Hotel.

I would also like to ask that club members email me with their own 'Joy of Gardening' ideas. What brings you joy? Let me know - I'll be compiling a list to share with us all!

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87th Annual Central Region Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention

"Come See How Missouri Blooms"

October 7 – 8, 2019

Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet, St.
Louis, MO

You're invited to the 87th Annual Central Region Convention October 7 - 8, 2019 "Come See How Missouri Blooms" Hosted by Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc. Plan to attend.

Tour Daniel Boone's Home, Shop Frisella's Nursery & Lunch in Wine Country at Montelle Winery on Monday October 7 (7:45 a.m. -3:00 p.m.) Reservation only deadline September 9th.

Two workshops are planned:

Monday October 7 (3:30-4:30) Three Pinecone Topiaries
Tuesday October 8 Sunflower Wine Glass Painting.

In addition to the meeting enjoy programs on **Design, learn about The Plants Along the Lewis & Clark Trail, The History of Missouri Wine Industry-Pre-Prohibition to Today** and much more.

More information and registration forms are on the central region website:

www.ngccentralregion.org

Garden Therapy

Now that the plants have been planted and the pots filled. Think about applying for the Garden Therapy Award. Planting gardens by care centers, hospitals, assisted living centers, gardens for veterans, etc. can all qualify for an award.

Blue, Red and Yellow Certificates of Participation will be awarded to a club for the best garden therapy project. Send FGCI Awards Application form and the Book of Evidence to the State Awards Chairman by December 31st.

Jean Van Veldhuizen, Garden Therapy

District 1, 2, & 3 JUDGES' WORKSHOP

September 16, 2019

Ray House, 912 First Ave., Vinton

Set-up and Coffee at 9 AM Meeting at 10 AM

"CELEBRATE AUTUMN"

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE "Sept. – Early Fall"

- Class 1 "First Frost" Annuals (1 specimen)
- Class 2 "Hunter Moon" Perennials (1 specimen)
- Class 3 "Football Games" Fruits
 - a. Small (Under 2") (3 specimens)
 - b. Large (2" and over) (1 specimen)
- Class 4 "Indian Summer" Vegetables
 - a. Small (Under 2") (3 specimens)
 - b. Large (2" & over) (1 specimen)

DIVISION II – DESIGN "Oct. & Nov. – Mid-Season"

- Designer's Choice of plant material. Space allowed: 30" x 30" unless stated. 36" Background/Niche required.
- Class 1 "Falling Leaves" A Cascade Design (HB p. 73)
 - Class 2 "Halloween" A Petite Design. Background/niche & design not to exceed 7" in height, width, and depth. Staged on a mantle. (HB p. 73)
 - Class 3 "First Snowfall" A Petite Design. Background/ niche & design not to exceed 5" in height, width, and depth. Staged on a mantle. (HB p. 73)
 - Class 4 "Thanksgiving Day" Informal Functional Table for one. Underlay required. No overhang. Decorative unit in proportion to the place setting. (HB p. 76)

DIVISION III – BOTANICAL ARTS "Dec.-Late Fall"

- Class 1 Horticulture "Fleeting Daylight" A preserved flower staged in a clear bottle provided by the exhibitor. (HB p. 92)
- Class 2 Design "Silhouetted Trees" A plaque staged up right by the exhibitor. Space allowed 12" x 12" HB p.93)
- Class 3 "St. Lucy's Day" A decorated candle holder Space allowed 12" x 12". (HB p. 95)

All FGCI members are welcome to attend and participate. Judges, bring 2017 Handbook and something for Ways&Means. Noon lunch at local restaurant.

Pre-register Jan Tyler Blanchard 563-387-0804 jkay@acrec.com or Roger Buhr 563-382-3088 rbuhr@mchsi.com

National Garden Clubs, Inc., GARDENING SCHOOL, Course 2 – Series 13
Sponsored by Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa
IOWA ARBORETUM, 1875 PEACH AVENUE, in RURAL MADRID, IOWA
HUGHES EDUCATION CENTER
http://iowaarboretum.org/ for directions
SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2019
Open to the Public

September 12, 2019 (Thursday)

8:15 a.m. COFFEE/TEA and REGISTRATION
8:30 – 11:00 *PLANT DISEASES & GARDEN PESTS,
Part of class outdoors, bring examples of plant disease and insects.
11:00 – 11:15 BREAK
11:15 – 12:15 RECENT BEHAVIOR & TRENDS IN PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES ACROSS IOWA
Justin Glison, State Climatologist of Iowa
12:15 – 12:45 p.m. LUNCH (**Please bring sack lunch**)
12:45 – 2:15 TECHNIQUES FOR GROWING LAWNS/ALTERNATIVES
AJ Lindsey, Horticulture-Turfgrass Graduate Student, ISU
2:30 – 4:00 *GROWING FRUIT
Diana Cochran, PhD, Assistant Professor, Horticulture, ISU

September 13, 2019 (Friday)

8:15 a.m. COFFEE/TEA
8:30 – 10:30 *GROWING VEGETABLES
Ajay Nair, PhD, Associate Professor & Vegetable Extension Specialist, ISU
10:30-10:45 BREAK
10:45 – 12:15 IRRIGATION & WATER
Moriah Bilenky, Horticulture Graduate Student, ISU
12:15-12:45 p.m. LUNCH (**Please bring sack lunch if you are going to test.**)
12:45-3:345 EXAM

*TESTED TOPIC, ALL EXAMS OPEN BOOK.

RECOMMENDED READING: THE NATIONAL GARDENER magazine 1-800-550-6007.

Master Gardeners may be awarded 1 hour CEU for each 1 hour class time. The two days will yield 10 hr.

FGCI Registration – Gardening School, Course 2, Session 13, September 12-13, 2019, at Iowa Arboretum, 1875 Peach Avenue, Madrid, IA in the Hughes Education Center. Please complete the form below
REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL NOON, Sept. 7, 2019, NO REFUNDS AFTER Sept. 7, 2019.
WALK-INS ALWAYS WELCOME, BUT NO HANDOUTS AVAILABLE

NAME (Only 1 name per form) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

NEW _____ LAST COURSE ATTENDED _____

Name of FGCI Garden Club _____ Master Gardener(Y/N)_____

I do _____ I do not _____ want a handout for this course.

_____. Unless checked, we may use your name, address, telephone and e-mail above to contact you with National Garden Clubs, Inc. information, including future Gardening Study Schools.

Class \$55 _____ Class + test \$60 ____ Class + refresh _____ \$60. Refreshing is available only to those who are already Gardening Study Consultants or Master Gardening Study Consultants.

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MEET THE 2019-2021 FGCI OFFICERS

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FGCI President TERRI EWERS

Greetings - I'm really happy to have this opportunity to serve as the FGCI 2019-2021 President! I just recently retired from NIACC as the Vice President for Student Services and am getting into the swing of a new beginning! I've been a member of the Swaledale Federated Garden Club since the late 70's and really do love all areas of gardening. I'm a daughter, wife, mother of 3, and grandmother of 5. Carpe Diem - let's all seize the day!

FGCI President-Elect WALT REEMTSMA

Walt Reemtsma lives in Algona with his wife and the future first lady of FGCI, Jan. He and his family moved to Algona in 1970 when he began teaching middle school science for the Algona Community School district. He continued in that capacity for 38 years before taking early retirement. After retirement he took two years of training to become a commissioned lay pastor in the Presbyterian Church and currently serves as pastor to the Lone Rock and Burt churches. Walt became involved in FGCI many years ago when he was asked to enter the local garden club flower show held in conjunction with the county fair. That first year he did extremely well and he and Jan have been participants ever since. Flowers and plants surround their home. Visitors are always welcome to enjoy the flowers and then stay for a visit in their gazebo. Walt's favorite flowers are glads and begonias but in the past few years he has developed a taste for Day Lilies and Iris. Jan particularly enjoys growing African Violets, Lady Slippers and Boston Ferns.

1st VICE PRESIDENT and Awards Chairman - MARLENE MAROLF

Marlene is a Jersey Girl, having grown up in New Jersey (the Garden State). Her grandparents had a huge garden and roses were the feature of her parents' garden. Following a short stop at Paris Island, after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, Marlene moved to the Davenport area. Iowa has been her home now for over fifty years. The first people she met were members of the local garden club. Garden Clubs have been in her life ever since. Roses take up most of her gardening time now. Along with being a Master Flower Show Judge, she is a Rose and Rose Arrangement Judge, as well as a Consulting Rosarian. With her husband she raised a yours, mine and ours family of eight, which now has many blooms and a few thorns as all families do.

FGCI 2nd Vice President SHIRLEY WOLF

Shirley Wolf is serving in a number of capacities the next two years. She is the Backyard Wildlife Habitat Chairman, District VI Director as well as FGCI 2nd Vice President. Shirley and her husband have lived on a farm south of Farnhamville for the past 49 years. They raised two daughters and have 5 grandchildren. Shirley has always enjoyed gardening taught to her by her father. The last several years her passion for flowers have taken over and can be seen in her flower beds all over the yard. Her favorite flower is the Asiatic lily, she just wishes it would last all summer. She is interested in a class on downsizing as you get older. Shirley has been retired since 2011 as Technology Administrator of Security Savings Bank. She is a member of the Fort Dodge Federated Garden Club and a NGC Flower Show Judge. She also works in her church, shows ponies, reads and has no problem keeping busy.

FGCI Treasurer CYNTHIA BERKLAND

Cynthia joined the Palo Alto Garden Club not long after she retired from teaching in Emmetsburg, Iowa. Although her mother was an avid gardener, Cynthia came to the wonder of gardening somewhat later in life, and so she still has much to learn. She and her husband, Ritch, live on the Century farm where Ritch grew up. Even though Cynthia is a "city" girl, she vastly prefers the space and fresh air of the country. She and Ritch have been planting trees on the property for over forty years, and in the last five years she has become passionately interested in preserving and recreating native habitat for pollinators and all the other wildlife that live(d) on the tall grass prairie. They have created a mini-wetland near their home and a native flower garden in the yard, both of which have received much attention from wildlife of all sorts. Cynthia is the current president of her garden club, and she is looking forward to taking on the challenge of being the state treasurer.

FGCI Secretary- SUE BECKER

Sue enjoys having signs in her garden, one says "The World Laughs in Flowers" and another one, from her sassy side, "Kiss My Aster." She also likes the phrase, "Knowledge is Power." Sue is currently a member of the Floyd Valley Federated Garden Club, The Siouland Iris Society, The Nebraska Daylily Society, and Iowa Regional Lily Society. She is also a Flower Show Judge, a Master Gardener, Tree Steward and has an Associates Degrees in Horticulture, Landscape Management and Turfgrass Management. Sue graduated with honors and is very proud of that! She's presently studying to be an Iris and Daylily Judge. She was recently elected to be the Treasurer of the Judge's Council and has been asked to continue on as the Penny Pines Chairman. Sue is looking forward to serving on these positions for the next two years.

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FLOWER SHOW INFORMATION FOR GARDEN CLUBS

Attention: Garden Clubs Submitted by Peggy Moody, Flower Show Chairman

Your Flower Shows are beautiful to view; stimulate interest in horticulture and floral design; provide an outlet for creativity in art form as well as talent with horticultural skills. Start your flower show plans well ahead of schedule date so you can apply for NGC Flower Show Award and have the schedule reviewed for accuracy before printing or putting it online.

The following Flower Show Judges will be available to assist your club with schedule reviews in hard copy or emailed:

Roger Buhr 105 Randall Decorah, IA 52101-1154 Email: rbuhr@iowatelecom.net

Shirley Wolf 3725 Zearing Avenue Farnhamville, IA 50538-7564 Email: saw@wccta.net

To apply for the NGC Flower Show Award, contact the Awards Chairman for application 3 months ahead, complete and return it with list of judges that have agreed to judge the show. A Show Evaluation form and Schedule Evaluation Form can be found in the Handbook for Flower Shows in the Scales of Point section. Your club and show could win an award with early planning, your work and show's beauty. Give it a try and enjoy the victory!

Marlene Marolf Awards Chairperson 563-391-9621 Email: gourddzn@aol.com



TIME TO THINK ABOUT AWARDS & END OF THE YEAR REPORTS



It's time to start thinking about sharing your club's success and projects.
Apply for awards and let your clubs activities shine.

1. President's Annual Report (due by December 31). This completed application tells us a lot about your club, how many went to the District Meeting, State, Central Region or National. Did your club have a joint meeting with another, host a flower show or have a garden walk? Did you participate in Habitat for Humanity, what was your garden therapy project, etc.? Include your favorite gardens or garden centers to visit.
2. Advanced Club Rating Award application (due by December 31) including a lightweight folder of your club's history documenting what you did during the year (articles, pictures, events). What were your programs, projects, did any attend Operation Wildflower Workshop, plant trees and report to the Tree Chairman, what awards did you win, etc.? Answer the forms questions. 100 points is required for this award.
3. Blue Ribbon Club Award application (due by December 31). Just 60 points is needed to receive this award and, again, it shows what you as a club are doing, that you support the FGCI scholarships, promoted National Garden Week and paid your dues promptly, etc.
4. A Blue Ribbon Yearbook Award is based upon a review of your club's program book and meeting certain requirements. (Yearbook Guidelines are available on the NGC website)

Application will be evaluated. Clubs meeting requirements will be recognized for their accomplishments may at their District Meeting.

All forms are available in the Club's Help Book and online at www.gardenclubsofiowa.org Follow the instructions and be sure to send a copy of each application to the State President, District Director and to the Awards Chairman.

Also consider applying for the various awards offered by FGCI www.gardenclubsofiowa.org, Central Region www.ngccentralregion.org and National Garden Clubs, Inc. <http://www.gardenclub.org/>

Of course, please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns.

Marlene Marolf, 1st Vice President & Awards Chair:
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FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF IOWA AWARDS Presented at June 2019 FGCI State Meeting

Congratulations to the winning garden clubs for their very successful 2018 year.

- AWARD C: Wendelburg Memorial Conservation Award:** BLUE: Palo Alto Garden Club, Emmetsburg
AWARD D: Article on Gardening: BLUE: Palo Alto Garden Club, Emmetsburg
AWARD E: Bird Award: BLUE: Independence Garden Club
AWARD F: Garden Therapy: BLUE: Palo Alto Garden Club, Emmetsburg
AWARD G: Civic Achievement Award: BLUE: Palo Alto Garden Club Award RED: Algona Area Garden Club
AWARD O: Plant It Pink: BLUE: Quasqueton Federated Garden Club RED: Palo Alto Garden Club, Emmetsburg
AWARD J: Pettitt Memorial Award: BLUE: Independence Garden Club
AWARD I: Butterfly Award: BLUE: Independence Garden Club; RED: Urbandale Garden club;
YELLOW: Swaledale Federated Garden Club
AWARD H: Tree Award: BLUE: Independence Garden Club
AWARD K: Small Standard Flower Show: BLUE: Town and Country Garden Club Decorah.
AWARD L: Standard Flower Show: BLUE: Greater Des Moines Garden Club

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS 90TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

by Juliene Bramer, 2019-2019 FGCI President

As your president, I attended the 90th annual National Garden Club Convention in Biloxi, MS April 29 – May 2, 2019. Our new NGC President Gay Austin was installed during this Convention. (Gay Austin, lives in Mississippi which is known for its hospitality, the Tallahatchie Bridge, live oaks, rich soil, the magnolia state and for sweet tea, the wine of the south.) President Austin stated that 90 years ago on May 1, 1929 in Washington DC, the concerns of garden clubs was groundwater with an emphasis on horticulture.

At the meeting we learned Plant America was a success and will continue, NGC had over 577 applications the last two years. Eighty-two clubs received Ames Tools grants with \$75,000 distributed. Espoma Grants (organic fertilizer) "Get Products to do Projects" awarded \$7,000 to NGC members. Total garden club members attending the convention was 643, with 298 voting strength.

A big and expensive item for NGC was changing their website. It will soon be available, making it easier to maneuver. Also, of concern is the cost of the National Gardener magazine.

The next National meeting is at the Potawatomi Hotel and Resort, Milwaukee, WI. May 12-15, 2020. They will have a Petite Horticulture Specialty Show and a Tri-refresher. They are looking for volunteers to help. If you have never been to a National meeting, you should go to Milwaukee, as it is as close as it will get. If you volunteer, you will be part of the meeting and meet the nicest people you could meet – fellow gardeners! Check out the NEWS and National's website.

We also learned that the remodeling is almost done in St. Louis headquarters, dedication will be at the Fall Board Meeting September 20, 2019. (Garden Club Members are always welcome at the NGC headquarters in St. Louis)

Iowa received the following awards: National Scholarship of \$4000 to Justin John Wigdahl; Ames Tool Grant to Independence Garden Club; Award MP-7, National Gardener increase in subscriptions \$100 to FGCI.

Central Region Awards: Scholarship \$500 to Olivia Fletcher; Poetry Awards - 6 awards; Smoky Bear - 5 awards.

Tidbits from the National meeting: Over 2000 napkins were folded! A baby bat is a pup, the blue bird almost disappeared, wild life loves dead trees, gardens need predators, Black Cherry trees are good for birds and butterflies, Dragon flies are an enemy to butterfly eggs, Hawaii has 17 members, California has over 19,000 members, NGC has over 153,000 members, gardening makes us kindred spirits and Make Every Day Earth Day!

Juliene Bramer, 2017-2019 FGCI President



Pictured- Kathy Elliff, 2018 & 2019 FGCI Flower Show Chairman with 2019-2021 State President Terri Ewers and 2017-2019 State President Juliene Bramer.

STATE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT June 2019

Congratulations to the Tipton Federated Garden Club for the best recycle, reuse and reclaim idea submitted. They received \$100. The club hosted the District 1 meeting and used cloth napkins and table cloths, glass plates and metal silverware and they urged the attendees to bring their own coffee mugs and water bottles. The program booklet looked like a garden gate made from garden catalogs and magazines, echoing their theme "Through the Garden Gate". Thank you to the seven entries and for the great ideas submitted.

Juliene Bramer
2017-2019 FGCI President

**Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, Inc
89th Annual State Flower Show and Meeting**

2019 FGCI FLOWER SHOW RESULTS

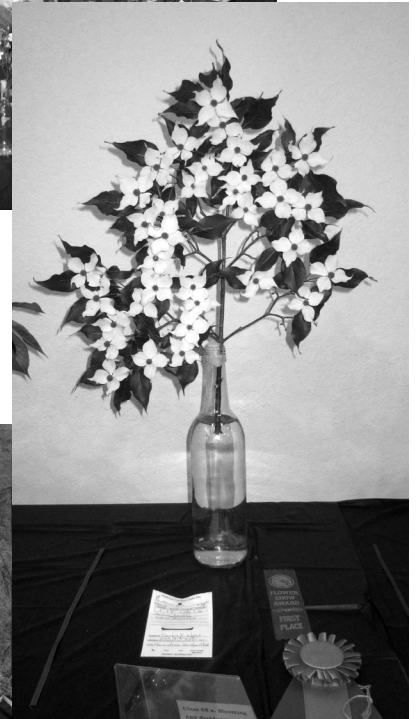
Northern Lights were glowing bright at the 2019 FGCI Flower Show at Mason City. On Friday afternoon and Saturday, the roses scented the horticulture entries area and the display tables were filled all around the rooms. The designs shown were as diverse as the skies at night, and with considerable consulting as the judges deliberated their ribbon selections, the final winners were selected.

Taking the top Horticulture Awards for the 2019 FGCI Flower Show were: The Horticulture Sweepstakes Award with the Smith Traveling Trophy went to Deb Bentley and the Award of Horticulture Excellence with the Rusk Traveling Trophy was awarded to Debbie Lewison. Eight Awards of Merit were given as follows: Annuals – Flowering to Roger Buhr; Annuals – Foliage to Jane Hussey; Biennials – Flowering to Janice Tyler; Perennials – Flowering to Debbie Lewison; Perennials – Foliage & Bulbous Plants to Jan Tyler; Roses to Debbie Lewison and Fruits & Vegetables to Debbie Lewison. The Arboreal Award went to Sandra Wales. The Otto Traveling Trophy was awarded to Debbie Lewison for an individual exhibit in the Horticulture Division that did not receive an NGC top exhibitor award.

Top Design Awards were awarded as follows: Literally sweeping the top design awards was Jenny Messerer winning the Design Sweepstakes Award & Willasson Traveling Trophy; the Award of Design Excellence; the Designer's Choice Award with the Williamson Traveling Trophy; the Petite Award with the Barb Sylvester Traveling Trophy; and the Table Artistry Award with the Ricke Traveling Trophy. The Thomas Traveling Trophy for the highest scoring (90+ points) Novice winner went to Mary Reyerson-Lowe. The Mabel Prior Award for any worthy design exhibit (90+ points) by a designer other than a judge went to Jane Hussey. The Fran Smith Crystal Traveling Award for the best Second Place floral design in the show went to Roger Buhr. And, the Davidson Traveling Trophy award for a worthy exhibit in the Design Division that did not receive an NGC top exhibit award went to Kathy Elliff.

The Flower Show Chair and the Committee Chairs all would like to thank the members who contributed their time and talents in assisting with the show setup and preparation work. A special thanks to the judges, and to all those entering this year's flower show, and hope that they would encourage their fellow club members to participate in 2020.

Submitted by Kathy Elliff, 2019 Flower Show Chairman



2019 CIRCLE OF ROSES RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 2019 Circle of Roses Recipients. Your dedication and hard work is appreciated by not only you club members but also by all FGCI members. Thank you for your service.

Carla Alberson - Floralia Arr. Guild;
Cynthia Berkland - Palo Alto GC;
Terry Dorenkamp - Swaledale FGC;
Tracy Edens - Muscatine GC;
Maxine Edwards - Urbandale GC;
Carolyn Erb- Ackworth GC;
Norma Hughett - Fort Dodge FGC;
Monica Huddleson- Afton GC;
Nancy Hansaker - Palo Alto GC;
Janet Kardux - Muscatine GC;
Trenna King- Cedar Falls GC;
Sandy Winkel, Pella Garden Club;

Darlene Lorenz- Independence GC;
Julie Miller- Ackworth GC;
Millie Nordeen- Fort Dodge FGC;
Margaret Sankey-Algona Area GC;
Elaine Daniels Schweizer- Centerville GC;
Carol Schneider- Floyd Valley FGC;
Nelvinea Seiler- Algona Area GC;
Joyce Smith - Knoxville GC;
Lorraine Williams - Grand Sunshine FGC;
Cheryl Witcher- Green Thumb GC;
Donna Young - Tipton GC;



Trenna King- Cedar Falls GC; Tracy Edens - Muscatine GC; Monica Huddleson- Afton GC; Cynthia Berkland - Palo Alto GC; Carla Alberson - Floralia Arr. Guild; Terry Dorenkamp - Swaledale FGC; Nelvinea Seiler- Algona Area GC; Joyce Smith - Knoxville GC; Sandy Winkel - Pella Garden Club; Donna Young - Tipton GC.



Attendees of the 2019 State Flower Show and Meeting enjoyed programs by Seed Savers co-founder Diane Ott and Design Demonstration by Jane Hussey. Both were educational and fun. Awards were presented, a beautiful Flower Show was viewed, and officers for 2019-2021 installed. If you haven't been to a state meeting make plans to attend in 2020 on June 22-23 in Clear Lake

Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa Awards

Revised 2015

When applying for a FGCI Award please use the FGCI Awards Application form available on website (www.gardenclubsofiowa.org) unless otherwise stated Awards are due December 31 to: Marlene Marolf, FGCI AWARDS CHAIRMAN

Award A - FGCI Horticulture Award. A certificate will be given for the outstanding horticulturist in each District. A Club or District should make nominations. Requirements are as follows: Applicants will be chosen for their work with plants, community projects involving horticulture, working with the youth and furthers NGC goals. The Book of Evidence should include name and address of the person, name of club, list of special interests of the applicant, outstanding contribution to gardening, approximate years of gardening, horticultural contributions of applicant to the community, any publicity and pictures. Send FGCI Awards Application form and Book of Evidence to the State Awards Chairman by December 31.

Award B - Rita Tarr Award for Landscape Design. A certificate and medallion is offered to the best applicant who designs and landscapes their own yard using good landscaping practices. Contact the current Landscape Design Chairman for information regarding application and requirements. Send application form and requirements to the Landscape Design Chairman by December 31.

Award C – Wendelburg Memorial Conservation Award. Blue, Red and Yellow Certificates of Participation will be given to clubs for the best work in conservation. Send FGCI Awards Application form and Book of Evidence to the State Awards Chairman by December 31.

Award D - Article on Gardening. Blue, Red and Yellow Certificates of Participation will be given for the best article considered for publication. The article should be based on personal experience or observation and be 500 - 1000 words in length and double-spaced. No article will be returned as they become the property of FGCI and may be published in the NEWS. The author's name, address and club should be included. No one may receive this award two years in succession. No Book of Evidence is required. Send FGCI Awards Application form and article to the State Awards Chairman by December 31.

Award E - Bird Award. Blue, Red and Yellow Certificates of Participation will be awarded to a club for the best work in the protection of birds; including feeding, sanctuaries, homes and promoting law enforcement relative to bird welfare. Send FGCI Awards Application form and Book of Evidence to the State Awards Chairman by December 31.

Award F - Garden Therapy. Blue, Red and Yellow Certificates of Participation will be awarded to a club for the best garden therapy project. Send FGCI Awards Application form and Book of Evidence to the State Awards Chairman by December 31.

Award G - Civic Achievement Award. Blue, Red and Yellow Certificates of Participation will be given to a club for the best civic achievement project. Send FGCI Awards Application form and Book of Evidence to the State Awards Chairman by December 31.

Award H - Tree Award. Blue, Red and Yellow Certificates of Participation will be awarded to a club for the best comprehensive tree program. Send FGCI Awards Application form and Book of Evidence to the State Awards Chairman by December 31.

Award I - Butterfly Award. Blue, Red and Yellow Certificates of Participation will be awarded to a club for the best butterfly project. Send FGCI Awards Application form and Book of Evidence to the State Awards Chairman by December 31.

Award J - Pettit Memorial Award. A certificate and a \$10 award to a junior unit or club working with youth gardening, horticulture, garden therapy or community projects in conservation. This award is made possible by Hazel and Fern Pettit, teachers promoting youth in horticulture and gardening. Send FGCI Awards Application form and Book of Evidence to the State Awards Chairman by December 31. The FGCI Executive Board and District Directors choose the winner of this award.

Award K - Small Standard Flower Show. Blue, Red and Yellow Certificates of Participation will be awarded to a club for the best Small Standard Flower Show Schedule. The Schedule must be signed and dated by the panel of judges judging the show. Send FGCI Awards Application form and Flower Show Schedule to the State Awards Chairman by December 31.

Award L - Standard Flower Show. Blue, Red and Yellow Certificates of Participation will be awarded to a club for the best Standard Flower Show Schedule. Schedule must be signed and dated by the panel/panels of judges judging the show. Send FGCI Awards Application form and Flower Show Schedule to the State Awards Chairman by December 31.

Award M – Local President's Project. A blue, red and yellow certificate will be awarded to the club showing the best evidence of participation in their local club president's project. Send FGCI Awards Application form and Book of Evidence to the State President or the State Awards Chairman by June 1.

(FGCI Awards continued)

Award N - Circle of Roses. A pin and certificate will be awarded at the State meeting to recipients of this award. Each club is allowed to nominate a person(s) who has shown exceptional dedication through their knowledge and participation in Federated Garden Club making a difference in our garden, our garden club, our community and reflect the goals and projects of NGC. Send FGCI Awards Application form and attach the name(s) submitted and a brief description of their work to the State Awards Chairman by December 31. The State Awards Chairman and the State President will select the recipients.

Award O – Plant it Pink. A cash memorial will be given to the American Cancer Society in the name of the FGCI that has submitted the best Plant it Pink project. Plant it Pink is a continuing NGC project that recognizes those who have been touched in some way by breast cancer and encourages pink gardens, pink flower show classes, garden therapy or other activities promoting the fight against breast cancer. Send FGCI Awards Application form and Book of Evidence to the State Awards Chairman by December 31. The State Awards Chairman and the State President will select the recipients.

NOTE: Does your project qualify for a National Garden Club Award and a FGCI Award and a Central Region Award? If so, each Award has their own Application Form and Requirements and each award should be submitted separately. See particulars for each award for more information.

FGCI Award Committee consists of the First Vice President and Award Chairman, the Second Vice President and any other members they so chose.



2019-2021 NGC PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECTS Providing Financial Support to Club Projects

*Is your club considering a new project or expanding a project?
Consider applying for the NGC President's Special Project!*

Plant America PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants



National Garden Clubs, Inc. has established a grant program for clubs entitled PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants with 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. This fund will be a permanent fund with grants being given for each two-year administration.

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. The deadline for applications is October 15, 2019 • Recipients of grants will be notified, and all money will be awarded by January 31, 2020. • Projects must be completed by February 28, 2021; final report forms due by April 1, 2021.

Project Eligibility:

Projects may be a joint venture with another organization/s. The scope of these projects may include:

- Beautification and/or restoration
- Community gardens
- School gardens/classrooms
- Habitat for Humanity landscaping
- Blue Star Memorial landscaping
- Implementation of environmental practices
- A horticulture or environmental educational event for the public

Application is limited to a TOTAL of two (2) pages! ONE (1) PAGE - Application Form; ONE (1) PAGE – Budget.

Application Information: Please go to the National Garden Club website for more information and application forms - www.gardenclub.org Send the completed application form and budget to: plantamericagrants@gmail.com.

Reminder: Check the NGC website for a complete list of awards available to garden clubs.



2019-2021 CENTRAL REGION AWARDS

Central Region awards are offered to recognize outstanding projects that advance the goals and objectives of Central Region and NGC. This recognition inspires, motivates and encourages others to further their efforts and apply for awards.

2019 Award Dates Covers projects:

September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

Due to CR Awards Chairman: September 10, 2019

Awarded: 2019 CR Convention in Missouri

2020 Award Dates Covers projects:

September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

Due to CR Awards Chairman: September 10, 2020

Awarded: 2020 CR Convention in Indiana

Send Applications; Diane Neterer, CR Awards Chairman
6382 Shady Hills Lane
Fulton, MO 65251
dianeneterer@hotmail.com H: 573-310-6062

NOTE: Use Central Region Awards Application Form.

- Limited to three pages, front of pages only. No report cover, binder or plastic sheets.
- Complete Central Region Application Form, which will be page one.
- Give brief summary of project, including photos, letters, financial information, publicity or other supporting data.
- Photos may be attached to pages or inserted electronically.
- The three pages may be sent electronically or by postal service.
- Keep copy for your records, as application will not be returned.
- Adhere to due dates listed above, except where noted. Late entries will not be judged.

CR Award #1 – Partnering with Youth in Planting America. Certificate and \$50.00 to the club involving youth in planting pollinator plants, and teaching them the importance of pollination. Sponsor: Fran Stueck, Past Central Region Director, personal sponsor.

CR Award #2 – Planting Community Gardens. Certificate and \$25.00 to a club that makes a difference in their community with plantings; may be annuals, perennials, native plants, wildflowers or vegetables. Sponsor: Sue Fuhrman, CR Plant America Chairman.

CR Award #3 – Sharing Gardens. Certificate and \$50.00 to a club for holding an outstanding garden walk open to the public, a garden tea and/or tour, or a garden therapy outing. Sponsor: Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, Inc.

CR Award #4 – Healing Gardens. Certificate and \$50.00 to a club or individual for establishing or maintaining

special gardens using pink flowers, such as container gardens or a memorial garden. Sponsor: Linda Dingee, CR Garden Therapy Chair, personal sponsor.

CR Award #5 – Caring Through Garden Therapy.

Certificate and \$50.00 to a club with the best program or project of services for an activity with nursing homes, senior centers, developmentally and/or physically challenged. Sponsor: The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.

CR Award #6 – Preserving Our Land. Certificate and \$50.00 to a district, club or member for outstanding work in the field of conservation, natural resources or wildlife refuge. May be with youth and/or adults. Sponsor: Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc.

CR Award #7 – Protecting Our Butterflies

7a – Monarch Waystations. Certificate and \$25.00 to the state registering the most Monarch Waystations. Sponsor: Bonnie Schwichtenberg, President of Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, personal sponsor.

7b – Youth Garden Club. Certificate and \$25.00 to a youth garden club participating in a butterfly garden project and/or Monarch tagging through Monarch Watch From the University of Kansas. Sponsor: Bonnie Schwichtenberg, President of Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, personal sponsor.

CR Award #8 – Promoting National Garden Week.

Certificate and \$50.00 to a club documenting activities held in celebration of National Garden Week. Sponsor: The Garden Clubs of Indiana, Inc.

CR Award #9 – Sharing Creativity. Eligible: Club, Council, District and State Flower Shows.

9a – Certificate and \$25.00 for best overall Standard Flower Show Schedule. Submit Application form and one copy of schedule. Sponsor: Illinois Judges Council

9b – Certificate and \$25.00 for best Standard Flower Show Horticulture Division. Award will be based on show's schedule listing correct scientifically named Horticulture classes, and number of horticulture entries in proportion to size of Club. Submit one copy of schedule with application and supporting data. Sponsor: Nancy Bahn, CR Landscape Design School Chairman.

9c – Certificate and \$25.00 for highest scoring Flower Show Educational Exhibit. Submit one copy of schedule with application and supporting data. Sponsor: Edie Dyer-Wilson, CR Environmental School Chairman.

CR Award #10 – Sharing CR Talents in Vision of Beauty Calendar. Certificate and \$25.00 to the CR state with the largest number of entries featured in the NGC Vision of Beauty Calendar. No application required. Sponsor: Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

10a – 2019 Vision of Beauty calendar. Awarded in Missouri

10b – 2020 Vision of Beauty calendar. Awarded in Indiana

CR Award #11 – Honoring Veterans-Blue & Gold Star Memorials. Certificate and \$50.00 to a member, club, council, or state for outstanding work in establishing Blue Star and/or Gold Star Memorials. Sponsor: Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc.

CR Award #12 – Celebrating Life Memberships. Certificate and \$25.00 to the club acquiring the most new CR Life Members. Sponsor: Wisconsin Garden Club Federation.

CR Award #13 – Youth Activities Award. Certificate and \$25.00 to the State Garden Club with the highest percentage of participation in NGC Youth Award Programs for 2019 and 2020 (Poetry, Essay, Sculpture, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster). State Youth Activities Chairman will report by March 1 of each year to CR Youth Activities Chairman, jamespavelka@comcast.net. They will be awarded at CR gathering during 2020 and 2021 NGC Conventions. Sponsor: James Pavelka, personal sponsor.

AWARD YOUR CLUB

You can't win if you don't apply! Have you heard that before? Check out the awards offered by National Garden Club, Central Region and FGCI. Requirements and time frame may vary. Get your information directly online. The following websites have all the award information and forms.

National Garden Club – www.gardenclub.org
Central Region – www.ngccentralregion.org
FGCI – www.gardenclubsofiowa.org

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CENTRAL REGION UNIFIED PROJECT “BEE A PETAL PUSHER-PLANT AMERICA”

State Garden Clubs can seize the moment to “Bee a Petal Pusher” by encouraging individual clubs to combine two or more different projects or programs into one club project. The bundling of projects will double the delight and outcome to club members and communities. It is also the club's opportunity to take advantage of the different grants, projects, and awards offered by National Garden Clubs, Inc., your State Garden Clubs and Central Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

State Garden Clubs must enter the before and after photos within a book of evidence to be judged by December 15, 2020.

A monetary award of \$100.00 will be given to the State who successfully proves to “Bee a Petal Pusher” at bundling their projects. The state will collect and forward the total number of Clubs who's completed projects were bundled using the method of two or more projects/programs into one. The winning state will be determined by the percentage of clubs participating from the total clubs recorded for their State. Use the Central Region Award Application and the NGC General Scale of Points will be used for judging.

Various combinations of projects can be combined. Examples are listed, but not limited to those listed below:

- Plant America grant combined with Blue Star dedication, or Ames Tools, or Habitat for Humanity.
- National Garden Week, or Plant it Pink, or Wildflowers/Pollinators, or Flower Shows.
- Flower Show which includes a garden walk of civic plantings by garden club members.
- National Garden Week with speakers, garden walk or Flower Show.
- Garden Therapy planting with nursing home residents, children's center, youth activities or using native plants.
- Community gardens including plantings by youth and or special needs, wildflower/pollinator plantings.
- Promotional booth (a community event, fair, festival, etc.) showing what garden club offers with small project, such as planting, floral design, artistic design.

As you can see, any and all combinations can make for a successful project. “Bee a Petal Pusher-Plant America!” A second incentive for your clubs is a CR award of \$50.00, to the Club which had the most successful project using the bundling of two or more projects or programs together. CR Awards Application must be completed following the CR awards application instructions.

Due date for of application for Iowa Garden Clubs will be in the Winter Issue of the NEWS.

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NGC YOUTH CONTESTS

Note we have summarized the basic rules of these contest.

Please go to the NGC website for complete information <http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/youth-contests/>.

We're looking forward to receiving entries from all over the state of Iowa. Be sure to note the deadline date of each contest.

Send entries to: Ruth Hamilton, NGC Youth Chairman; 2026 Pine Creek Ave., Independence, IA 50644-9315
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SMOKEY BEAR / WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

NGC invites students to participate in the **2020 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest**. Rules and prizes are found on NGC's website as well as the 2019 winners with their posters. Contestants from 1st to 5th grade are encouraged to participate. Garden Clubs and their members are encouraged to work with schools to help educate students about Forest Fires and Conservation. Posters are due to FGCI Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman on January 20, 2020 and January 19 2021.



Smokey Bear Poster Contest
"Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"

&

Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
"Lend a Hand - Care for the Land!"

For complete rules and tips on what makes a winning poster go to the NGC website - <http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/youth-contests/smokey-bear-poster-contest.aspx>

Deadlines: January 20, 2020 and January 19, 2021

POETRY CONTEST - Encourage Creative Writing

2019-2020 Theme: "Adventures in the Garden"
2020-2021 Theme: "Exploring Backyard Mysteries"

Excite and encourage our Youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables our Youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing. Be imaginative and join the winners to see your poetry in a printed booklet!

Eligibility: Special Education and English as a Second Language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade. General Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

Contest Rules: 1. All entries must be typed and titled; 2. Include name, address, age, grade, and school of participant on the back of entry; 3. Sponsoring garden club and state garden club name must also be identified; 4. Sponsoring garden club may be that of a grandparent; 5. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.; 6. Poems do not have to rhyme; 7. Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick or Haiku.

Deadlines: January 10, 2020 and January 10, 2021

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

The High School Essay Contest is open to all High School students, grades 9-12. Each year a \$1,000 NGC Scholarship will be awarded to the National Winner.

2019-2020

"Challenges in Preserving our Natural Habitats"

2020-2021

"Adapting our Actions to Protect our Natural Habitats"

Essay Contest Rules

The High School Essay Contest is open to High School students attending 9th through 12th grades either traditional, alternative, or home school. A \$1,000 National Garden Club Scholarship will be awarded to the National Winner. If the winner is an underclassman, the \$1,000 Scholarship will be held by NGC, Inc., without accrued interest, until such time that the student enters college. At that time, the money will be forwarded to the Financial Aid Officer of the college that the student will enter. The second place winner will receive \$100. The contest must be sponsored by: a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts or a State Garden Club. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Length of essay: Between 600-700 words. The entry will be penalized if the essay does not conform to the required length. All words are to be counted. All entries must be typed and titled. Students should write the essay so it is suitable to be published in the NGC publication, *The National Gardener*.

Deadlines: January 10, 2020 and January 10, 2021

Encouraging Youth to Keep Our Planet Green – Recycled Sculpture Contest

Purpose: To encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving the environment.

Contest Rules: 1. Children in 4th through 8th grade will be eligible to enter the contest; 2. Sculptures must consist of recyclable, reused and reduced materials; 3. Width of the sculpture can be no more than 8 1/2 x 11 inches; 4. Height should be in proportion to width; 5. Entry form can be found on the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org; 6. Entries should include as many photographs as can be printed on the back of the entry form, but two 4x6 photographs are recommended; 7. Club entries must be sent to State Chairman by January 10, 2018.

Deadlines: January 10, 2020 and January 10, 2021

BIRD REPORT

Fall is the perfect planting and transplanting time for trees and shrubs. Look for plants that do double duty providing food and shelter for birds as well as eye appeal. Choose plants that produce berries and fruits or seeds that birds favor. Shrubs and small trees that provide berries that ripen at different times such as serviceberry, cherry, dogwood, spicebush, cedar, elderberry, sumac, viburnums, barberries, American cranberry bush.

Go native! Native trees oaks, willows, birches, hickories. For example 557 varieties of butterflies, and moths are supported by native oak, compared to 5 by non native ginkgo. Pines provide cover and seed filled cones as well as insects.

Place some shrubs around the vegetable garden so birds can move to and from in safety, consider aronia, or raspberry. Birds do such a good job controlling pests you want to encourage them to visit our vegetable gardens.

Fall clean up. Keep a slightly messy yard. Don't rake. Fallen leaves provide habitat for insects and pupae of moth caterpillars a favorite of baby birds.

Leave the seeds. Don't dead head all your flowering plants after they bloom, seed heads are important food source in fall and winter. And save some to make a wreath or swag for the birds.

Start a winter feeding program early in the fall, at this time young birds are learning to fend for themselves, and migratory birds are preparing for their long flights by putting on as much fat as possible. It has the added advantage of luring birds to your feeder that might move on further south if you wait until later in season to start feeding. Remember to enjoy the birds!

Debbie Lewison, FGCI Bird Chairman

Plant Material Cards

The new Handbook states that the following should be included in the Design Rules: "All plant material used in the design must be identified on a card, provided by the exhibitor and included with the entry tag." p.29 VII. A. 1. d.

Please note:

1. A card must be used. The information cannot be written on the entry tag.
2. It does not state the size of the card. For Standard Size designs 3" x 5" cards are acceptable. For Petite Designs (ranging from 3 – 12") smaller cards are better.

Roger Buhr, Schedule Evaluator

Fall Is A Time To Protect Our Wildlife

Is it fall already, summer went so fast. The fall months are filled with wildlife activity. Some birds are migrating to warmer climates, while other species are preparing to overwinter. At the same time, autumn's cooler temperatures reduce food sources and reduce the cover from leaves on trees. There are a few ways we can help them thrive in our backyard.

LEAVE A LITTLE MESS. Leave certain spaces undisturbed in your yard (including shrubs, long grasses and piles of leaves and brush); they can create shelter for nesting and hibernation over the winter. Bricks, large stones, and overturned flower pots on the ground can serve as shelter to toads and insects. They can also house overwintering insects and larvae, which are good food sources for many animals.

SHELTER, if you have a few birdhouses, be sure to make any necessary repairs before they become an overwintering home.

Leaving **FOOD AND WATER** sources outside will assist birds and other wildlife in foraging, which becomes increasingly difficult as the weather gets colder.

By taking a few simple steps in autumn, you'll create a haven for a variety of wildlife species. In return, you'll have the opportunity to observe their amazing cold weather activities in your backyard. The older I get the more I enjoy the simple things in life, like observing birds around the feeder.

Shirley Wolf, Wildlife Chairman

Butterfly "Food for Thought"

In this year of the mosquito and weeds in abundance, we struggle with whether we should use insecticides and herbicides. In our yard and garden we do not use insecticides. So far this year we have not used herbicides, just tried to keep lawn and driveway weeds from going to seed by mowing and the weed whacker.

It is a challenge to decide to use or not use these chemicals when the growing season is as wet as this year has been. In the country on a gravel road weed seed blows in from the ditches, and is even carried in on our shoes and boots. We also worry about West Nile Virus from the mosquitoes. Insecticides can also affect our pollinators as well as the mosquitoes.

When planning Garden Club programs for next year consider asking experts to present alternatives to chemical sprays for weeds and mosquitoes. Or plan a discussion on when it is or is not appropriate to use chemical controls. The bees and butterflies in our world will appreciate your thoughtful consideration of these topics.

Sandy Quam, Butterfly Chairman

DISTRICT AND CLUB NEWS

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Keokuk Garden Club enjoyed a bus trip to St Louis in June, to see the Botanical gardens and the butterfly house where everyone had a great time and the weather cooperated. In July they toured member gardens. Work at Rand Park was in full swing all summer and fall. The beds looked great and the creativity of the adopters was something to see, making judging the beds very difficult. Their August program by member Alice Hawes was be "Birdscape Your Backyard" and in September they will receive pointers on flower arranging from their speaker, Lora Washburn a local florist.

Muscatine Garden Club planted a tree at the new Muscatine Dog Park in honor of our long-time member, Betty Sauers, who passed. In June they celebrated National Garden Club Week AND their own club's 90th year, with an evening potluck in Weed Park, next to their Plant It Pink plot. Mayor Diana Broderson attended and signed the Garden Week Proclamation. Three guests joined the members in "Pounding Flowers" on cloth bags, members had various levels of creative juice! In July they traveled to Starved Rock State Park near Utica, IL. In August visited Nauvoo, IL, to tour several gardens. September they'll have their second evening meeting. Their Annual Standard Flower Show will be held October 15th at the Riverview Center.

Keosauqua Garden Club held a successful Town and Country Flower Show at the Robert Memorial Center in Keosauqua and they celebrated the Van Buren County Fair. Their August program included constructing a craft project. The club plans to hold a potluck breakfast in Bentonsport and then follow it with a work session in the Rose Garden along the Des Moines River. Spring flooding created a lot of damage and work for several weeks to repair the area bed.

Tipton Federated Garden Club had five members attend the state meeting in Mason City where member Marlene Marolf was sworn in as 1st Vice President. They won the "Recycle, Refurbish" Award given by State President Juliene Bremer for recycling garden gate folders used at the District 1 meeting, as well as using real silverware, dishes, cloth napkins/ tablecloths and compostable disposable cups. In addition to regular meetings and

tending public flower beds, members kept busy this summer providing patriotic floral arrangements for the unveiling/ dedication of the Cedar County Freedom Rock and helped serve students lunch at a Day Camp at Cedar Valley Park. August speaker is Joshua Spece, owner of In The Country Garden & Gifts in Independence, IA. He presented a program called, "The Big World of Little Hostas". September meeting will be at Cedar Manor nursing home, members will assist the residents in making floral arrangements for their rooms.

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Decorah Town & Country Garden Club placed a display in the Decorah library educating the public on fruits, vegetables, annuals, and houseplants in conjunction with National Garden Week. A program was presented by Drew Pellet on "Growing and Care of Dahlias and Gladiolus." Four of members attended the FGCI annual meeting and flower show. Two members exhibited, bringing home the Fran Smith Traveling Trophy in design and three Awards of Merit in horticulture! The club also received an award for the schedule of the 2018 small standard flower show. Their semi-annual "Dessert Among the Flowers" was sold out, disappointing many that couldn't get a ticket, so our club is looking for a larger venue for the event.

Floralia Arrangers Guild, Van Horne, worked at the Recreation Center concession stand as a fundraiser. Members purchased and planted annuals in the four planters on Van Horne's Main St. and will care for them through the season. National Garden Week was observed by taking flowers to local businesses. Members learned about Iris, Caring for Hosta in Spring, flowers to plant to attract hummingbirds, and Hydrangeas for Every Season from summer programs. Their destination tour is Cottage in the Meadows Gardens in South Amana.

Good Earth Garden Club of Cedar Rapids held their three-day plant sale in May. Doug Smith gave the June program

"Establishing a Small Prairie using Native Plants." In July members enjoyed a picnic at Interstate Grain in Center Point as guests of Craig & Karen Batcheler. There they enjoyed seeing lots of trees, flowers, daylilies, hostas, a gazebo, a pond and yard art. John Layton, editor of the "Pollinator" bulletin, shares that dusting plants and soil with bonemeal eliminates sowbugs and ants. He also discusses powdery mildew. It is a windblown fungus that begins small and then forms a white powdery coating over leaves, stems, flowers, or fruit. The fungus is most common in cooler temperatures and high humidity. Powdery mildew most commonly attacks phlox, zinnia, various houseplants, lilac, alpine currant, flowering crabapple, and roses. These plants need sun, air circulation, and water at the roots. Early control is important.

Independence Garden Club sponsored its annual plant sale in May. The money raised goes to scholarships for a high school seniors from Independence and Jesup who will be pursuing a degree in horticulture, agronomy, environmental science, or landscape design. The club was able to give a scholarship at each school this year. Club members enjoyed a lovely day in May at Detweiler Greenhouse. Not only did they shop for plants, but they enjoyed a delicious Amish meal as well. Members honored businesses during National Garden Week with floral arrangements. Members traveled down the road and spent an afternoon touring the Cedar Valley Arboretum. The first week of July found members involved in the Flower Show at the Buchanan County Fair. Members enjoyed their annual "Kids Make and Take Event" on July 5th. One of their members has created a Pollinator Plot that members had the opportunity to tour and learn about what is involved in creating a plot.

Quasqueton Garden Club members enjoyed the Ding Darling traveling exhibit at Fontana Nature Center in April. Did you grow up with the Des Moines Register in your household? If you did, chances are you know about Ding Darling. He was a political cartoonist who had connections to top government officials. His connections allowed him to pursue his passion of wildlife conservation. Through the duck stamp and other on-going programs millions of dollars for wildlife habitat have been generated. In May they planted beds in Quasqueton and Cedar Rock. At June's meeting members learned about "Bulbs for Blooms All Summer" and "Butterflies."

In keeping with their theme of "Continuing the Tradition," roll call for June was a repeat from 1955: "Name a song that has a fruit or flower in the title."

Vinton Garden Club sends get well wishes to Fran Stueck. Fran broke her leg and had surgery in Iowa City a few days after the June State meeting. We wish her a speedy recovery. Cards may be sent to 5589 22nd Ave Trail, Vinton, IA 52349.

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Marshalltown Garden Club held their annual Spring Plant sale Mother's Day weekend at a new location with great success. Members planted left over hostas at the Fisher Community Center. In July they learned about beneficial and harmful insects from Nathan Brockman of Reiman Gardens in Ames Iowa. In September they will learn about the many uses of garden sheds from one of their members Shelley Barron and tickets will go on sale for the annual Accents on Entertainment, held November 1-2. At the October meeting the club will learn about CSA- Community Supported Agriculture.

Cedar Falls Garden Club started the year in March with officers hosting a brunch. The April meeting was devoted to fine tuning plans for the District III Meeting which was held in Cedar Falls on April 6. In May a guest speaker, who is a master gardener and an artist, explained how he creates his garden birds. It was an enjoyable meeting. During garden week, members did individual projects. In June, Jane Buck presented an interesting program on 'Ice Roses' which were new to us.

Green Thumb Garden Club met April 22 at Village Court family restaurant in Mason City, for a surprise luncheon to honor Judy Balkenende for her work with our club. She was presented a plaque honoring her years as club Treasurer, organizing the Plant and Bulb Sales for many years, and continued commitment with all club activities, and received a Life Membership State Garden Club pin. Cheryl Nitcher hosted the May meeting at Maple Court. Program was on arrangements given by Penny Robb showing several topiary trees she is growing, Julie Robb did a demonstration on Ikebana, and a demonstration of a mass arrangement by Angie Wilkins to encourage members to learn and enter exhibits in their flower show "Around the World" June 19-23rd

at the Worth County Fair. Members took arrangements to businesses to emphasize National Garden Club Week June 7-13th. President Jean VanVeldhuizen and Angie Wilkins represented the club in Mason City, Thursday June 20 and 21 at the State Federated meeting to support State President Juliene Bramer and newly elected upcoming State President, Terri Ewers. Angie was a hostess for the State group and Jean and Angie served on the "ways and means" committee.

Radcliffe Better Homes and Gardens Club enjoyed a busy summer. The Mini-Park has required more weeding than watering but it looks lovely. The hedge that was cut down last year is coming back well but they have a tree that is losing ground so will need to decide what to do about this issue. May's project of preparing the crosses for placement on the graves of Vets, made the cemetery look wonderful for the Memorial Day service. Their club enjoyed a visit to a Chestnut grove near Radcliffe in June and will be visiting a garden in Roland for our July adventure. August will find members going to visit the Hubbard Arboretum. They are planning a guest night potluck in September and a visit to the Hubbard Care Center in October.

Swaledale Federated Garden Club held its annual plant sale at the Swaledale Town Hall in May. The Hall was filled with a multitude of different plants and garden related material, which miraculously disappeared in a few short hours. A great time for garden talk and fellowship was had by all. In June, the Club again hosted the annual State Flower Show which was held in Mason City. Beautiful designs and horticulture were displayed throughout the hall. Next year the Show will be held in Clear Lake with another club member, Terri Ewers, as State President. Early July found the club meeting at Central Gardens in Clear Lake. This is a beautiful garden with plenty of inspiration for everyone. Terri Ewers gave examples of how to reuse items at part of the Club's focus on recycling this year. Recipes were shared for summer vegetables and we found out Terry D. had the greatest knowledge of blueberries through a trivia game.

Moving? Change of Address?

To ensure continued delivery of the NEWS be sure to send your new address to the state treasurer:

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Ackworth Garden Club members enjoyed a field trip to Pickard Park in Indianola where the Indianola Parks & Rec Horticulturist, Angie Buchanan gave them a tour and program on the new city greenhouse. After the meeting members went to Ackworth Church where they completed annual spring clean-up of the grounds. May's program was on Fragrant Gardens presented by Derek McKay, horticulturist from Ted Lare Garden Center. In June they toured Rita Minard's garden, whose specialty is Clematis. As a bonus, her husband Keith creates garden art, so members were also able to do a little shopping that afternoon. In July their Youth Container contest was held during the Warren County Fair. They are also responsible for the flower show during the fair. For the July meeting they put together a program to help members create an entry for the Warren County Fair.

Afton Garden Club's president and secretary attended the state meeting in Mason City. Monica Huddleson received the "Circle of Roses", award this year. The club is gearing up for the Union County floriculture part of the fair.

Ames Garden Club members are looking forward to returning to Reiman Gardens for the regular meetings, after a summer of garden tours. Upcoming meeting programs include: The Evolution of Plants; Focal Points in the Garden: Garden Spaces & Garden Rooms; Forcing Bulbs & Care and growing Amaryllis Bulbs. **Baxter Garden Club** members assembled flower baskets for the residents at Accura Healthcare on April 1st. A Japanese Maple tree was planted on Arbor Day.

The cemetery city sign and nursing home gazebo flower beds were cleaned. Members attended the joint meeting with Kellogg. Members enjoyed learning to make milkweed seed balls. Three members attended the tea at Kellogg. Members toured the Botanical Gardens in Des Moines in May. Main Street planters were planted and posters were distributed for garden week. The city wide garage sale was held at the home of Barb Berry and members enjoyed providing helpful information to individuals purchasing plants.

Greater Des Moines Garden Club
Summer activities: June - Tour of Claire & Miles Rose Garden behind the Des Moines Art Center, July - Tour of the facility at Jester Park including the Prairie Trail,

and August, "Wine from Vine to Bottle" a program at Summerset Winery. General meetings resume in the fall; September "Birding Basics" by Dennis Thompson; October "How Trees Talk to Each Other" by Gary Garles; November, "House Plants" by Dereck McKay.

Grant Sunshine Garden Club

Members are busy hoeing, planting, watering, weeding, mulching and reaping the benefits of a garden both vegetable and flower. The April meeting was a "Forage Fest" Survival 101: Eating in the Wild. Some "wild" goodies include violet, Virginia water leaf, nettles, curly dock, purslane, and chickweed. Snacks for the day included: wild onion, wild asparagus, cheese spreads with wild ingredients, Texas wild hog bites, black walnut bars. Another meeting was with the manager of the Hy-Vee Garden Center as speaker. He brought numerous plants and garden items to show. Most members headed to the garden center after the meeting for some new garden purchases.

Kellogg Garden Club members met at the home of John and Paula Schutter who led the group in creating rhubarb leaf bird baths or waterers. Louise Meakins reported on the district meeting. The attendees were also reminded that flies are pollinators. The program for the July meeting will feature water conservation. The group continues to maintain five city flower beds

Knoxville Garden Club's Yard of the Month is selected from May thru September. Kindergarten Day at the Marion County Park is a good venue to help children plant seeds. Garden Club members read 'The Saved Seed' and 'Frightened Frog' books to them. Garden tours were well attended, destinations included Reiman Gardens, Quilted Gardens, Brucemore Mansion and gardens in Cedar Rapids, as well as the Enabling Garden in Altoona. A tree was planted for a new Habitat for Humanity home owner. A scholarship was awarded to a local second year horticulture student attending Iowa State University. Programs included a meeting at the Hy-Vee garden center, members brought their own containers, selecting and planting with flowers. A meeting at the butterfly garden where members will make a Kokedama ball. A member demonstrated how to make a succulent ball to hang or place on a pedestal. Their annual 'Sitting Pretty' gardening contest was held at Brooks Park, a pocket park very near the town square. In conjunction to the contest members sponsored a tour of five of the best gardens in town (four belong to club members).

Pella Garden Club had a gorgeous Tulip Time! The flowering trees and the tulips came together for a wonderful display. In early June members loaded up for the annual "field trip", destination was Ames this year. Members walked through Kris Jurik's hosta, iris, and peony garden. Everything was at its best and a sight to see! After lunch they headed to Alleman to Paula Flynn's fabulous conifer garden. It is amazing what conifers can do to add both texture and color to landscaping! They held their annual garden party on June 27, theme was "A Picnic in the Park", guest speaker was Marcia Leeper. She was entertaining as well as very informative. Thanks to all who attended and made this year so successful. Members are reflecting on all these things as we start to move forward into our next year.

Urbandale Garden Club got the word out for National Garden Week at both the Urbandale and Johnston libraries. A display with brochures, and cards with club contact information, were exhibited and the NGC's children's book "The Frightened Frog" is now at both libraries. A member hosted a luncheon and garden tour in honor of one of the club's long-time members who is leaving the community. Many clubs are now seeing their older members leaving, and those were the ones who have filled the offices, know the club history, remember what works and what didn't, and these faithful members are truly missed. We can't replace those people as individuals, but we can reach out in many ways to provide interest to attract new persons to join our clubs by keeping our projects and programs motivating. No formal club meetings are planned for the summer, but will be visiting other members' gardens.

Woodland Hills Garden Club's May meeting was the annual members only plant sale and tour of Jean B's yard to see her beautiful flower beds. In June, 6 members attended the district meeting in Pleasant Hill. Meredith Nunnikhoven from Barnswallow Flowers in Oskaloosa spoke at the July meeting about her family's business of growing cut flowers for sale to florist and as arrangements. Members also celebrated 40 years of membership for Wanda B and 20 years for Shannon S.

FGCI Mission Statement

To stimulate knowledge of gardening; to aid in the protection of trees, plants, and birds; to promote beautification.

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Palo Alto Garden Club had two high school boys speak to us about their projects. One has started a 4-H Garden Club, and the other is doing an eagle scout project of building raised garden beds. We voted to support both projects. The club contributed \$200 to the 4-H garden club for the purchase of tools, plants, etc. and we decided to help the scout complete his project. Plans are progressing for the hosting of the 2020 district meeting. In June, they hosted the weekly, local chamber of commerce coffee in the Victorian on Main St, a lovely old victorian house that has been turned into a museum. The club plants and maintains the garden and patio for them, so this is a chance to "show off" their skills. They had a great turnout and gave away packages of native flower seeds, such as showy tick-trefoil and swamp milkweed, as well as the pamphlet we created to educate about pollinators. One of the club's goals is to promote the planting of native flowers to support native pollinators, so they use every opportunity they can to share these.

Estherville Garden Club had a program in April by Brittany Roseburg about "Iowa State University Extension Resources for Gardeners." The May meeting was held at the Emmet County Nature Center. Emmet County Naturalist, Ashley Reed, gave an interesting report on the Honey Bee Hive, which was installed in the center last year. "Colors of Flowers" was a theme for a display made in the Estherville Public Library window for garden week. Club members toured 4 local gardens in June.

Town and Country Garden Club, Webster City members hosted special needs students from WC Middle School at the barn shelter at Briggs Woods Park in May. (The first County Park in Iowa - which celebrated it's 100th anniversary in June.) The annual Club plant sale was very successful. The monthly meeting for May was held at Main Street Park. After the meeting, club members planted over 60 main street planters with coleus, petunias, salvia and an ornamental grass. On June 3rd, three members of the TCGC attended the Webster City city council meeting where the mayor, John Hawkins, read and signed the proclamation for National Garden Club Week. In June members and guests took a motor coach day trip to Des Moines to celebrate National Garden Club Week. Stops

included the Des Moines Botanical Center, Better Homes and Gardens Test Gardens, Des Moines Pappajohn Sculpture Garden and a stop at Piney Ridge Green House and Conoyer Garden Center. June's monthly meeting program was 'Getting Ready For The Hamilton County Fair'. Flower Show Judge Sela Bryhne of Fort Dodge, gave an informative program providing lots of valuable information and tips on exhibiting.

Fort Dodge Federated Garden Club spent the spring getting ready for the plant sale in May. At their meeting they had a program about two newer designs, the cascade and the low-profile design. June's meeting was about gardening in general. For National Garden Club Week members did a display in the local library, using books the club donated about gardening and flowers, plus information on the shows and tour they will be sponsoring. July included a Twilight Tour of gardens, the Webster Co. Fair Open Flower Show and a meeting getting ready for the club's Flower Show Aug. 3. In August members made flower arrangements for the nursing home.

Madrid Federated Garden Club has had a busy year! Each month this summer they selected a Yard-of-the-Month from among the yards in the area and what beautiful yards they have been. They will host the year's winners at a special meal during the last meeting of the year in November. By the time this newsletter comes out, they will have hosted their annual Small Standard Flower Show in conjunction with the Madrid Labor Day Celebration. This is a judged show which includes horticulture and design categories and is open to the public for entries.

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Clay County Federated Garden Club

member Jane Hussey, Steve Wolter and Peggy Egertsen, demonstrated the new cascade design, showing different types of mechanics and usages at the May meeting. National Garden Week's

celebrated by club members accenting several of the artist's pieces of work with floral designs, exhibited at Arts On Grand. June meeting was a very educational program, presented by Nancy Schoenwe, "Pollinators in the Garden." Jane Hussey, one of five members from the club attended FGCI state meeting on June 21, demonstrated how to make a Mannequin Design. A tour of five beautiful private gardens in Spencer, was held in June. Even though a damaging hail storm swept through town the day before, they were all magnificent.

Kingsley Home & Federated Garden Club

has had an interesting summer with the Bonnie cabbages given to the third graders. Some successes and learning experiences for all. The club had a program on starting seeds that required cold for germinations and different methods to achieve this goal. July was the start of two fairs the members participate in or assist with judging. August will be used to review the fairs and sharing summer produce, flowers and knowledge of successes.



Photo: District Directors: Shirley Wolf, Bonnie Handsaker, Victoria Rute, Ruth Hamilton, Lois Boeyink, and Brenda Emick-Herring.
Not pictured Shirley Bergman



PENNY PINES

District VIII presented Dennis Wolf (Floyd Valley GC, LeMars) with a "Penny Pines Memorial" certificate in honor of his wife Margaret. The memorial was presented by Victoria Rute, District Director at the flower show. Margaret was the district's treasurer for many years as well as being active in the garden club.

PENNY PINES

At the 2018 & 2019 State Meetings, attendees passed the hat to help in the reforestation of the United States. Two hundred four (\$204) dollars were collected and sent on to National Garden Clubs - Penny Pines program.

Donations are used by the ISDA Forest Service or State Forester to replant burnt or otherwise damaged trees in conjunction with federal funds. Seedlings are replacement and/or trees native to that particular area (not necessarily the pine variety).

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