

DEEP SOUTH MATTERS

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From The Desk of the Director

2015 – 2017 Deep South Region Theme “Service Through Action”

Greetings to the members of the Deep South Region and to the many readers of this NGC Award winning newsletter, *Deep South Matters*. As everyone knows, newsletters do not produce themselves. I extend my deepest gratitude to the *DSM* Editor, Jan Sillik and Assistant Editor, Ron Bartcher, for producing this newsletter which contains a wealth of information for the Deep South Region garden clubs. Keep ‘em coming!

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Also, I offer many thanks to former DSR Director, Gloria Blake, for sharing her knowledge and providing her assistance and advice as we transition into a new administration and to Juanita Allinder, former DSR Treasurer, for her many years of service and hard work for the Region.

How thrilling it was to share the stage with other Region Directors and NGC Officers at the 2015 NGC Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, as Lois Schuster and Deen Day Sanders performed the inspiring installation ceremony. Two of the 2015-2017 NGC Officers, Gay Austin, 2nd NGC Vice-President and Betty Grimes, NGC Treasurer, are members of the Deep South Region. What an honor it is for me to serve as Director of the Deep South Region and to be a part of this extraordinary organization. As Director, my duties include acting as an advisor to the states in the Region and as a member of the NGC Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

The members of the Deep South Region are no strangers at taking action whenever the need or the opportunity arises. Whether located in large cities or small towns, members’ sense of place lies within their communities, be it a subdivision, neighborhood, or the entire town.

The natural landscapes of the Deep South Region states are among this nation’s most beautiful and are quite diverse, ranging from the Great Smokey Mountains to white sandy beaches, with rolling hills, prairies and deltas in between. Natural resources are abundant and so are the challenges. Litter control, declining aquifers and educating citizens on the health aspects of gardening are just a few.

The 2015-2017 Deep South Region theme, “*Service Through Action*,” addresses the fact that to serve our communities by beautifying, conserving water, teaching or learning, etc., requires *Action*. The Deep South Unified Regional Project, “*Community Action*,” directs clubs to initiate a project or projects within their communities involving Environmental Efforts, Gardening Efforts and/or Educational Efforts. This two year project will involve DSR Clubs, State Organizations and Youth. Cash Awards offered for Club Competitions are significant and meant as incentives for clubs to begin and complete a new project and to apply for an award.

DSR Alternate Director, Nancy Moore, is serving as the DSURP Chairman. Please read the complete DSRUP information in this newsletter and contact Nancy if you have questions.

The DSR Council roster, which is composed to the DSR Officers and DSR Chairmen, may be found on the DSR website, www.dsregion.org. I encourage state chairmen and club members to contact these DSR Chairmen if you have questions or need or want to share information.

During the hiatus that most garden clubs have during the summer, use this time to replenish your energy and ideas to be refreshed and full of creativity for that September meeting. Garden clubs have so much to offer their communities through knowledge, experience and their willingness to share. *Service Through Action* is the vehicle – take it for a ride!

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

— [Mahatma Gandhi](#)

Carol Bullard 2015-2017 Deep South Regional Director

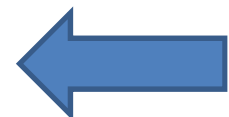
Mission Statement for the Deep South Region

The Deep South Region is dedicated to advancing the objectives of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and to coordinating the interests and the projects of the six states in the region.

The primary objectives are horticulture, gardening, landscaping, floral design, civic beautification and environmental concerns, with emphasis on fellowship, scholarship, stewardship, and leadership.



**BE SURE TO SHARE *DEEP SOUTH MATTERS*
WITH YOUR CLUB, DISTRICT AND FRIENDS**



NEW PARTNERSHIP! SPECIAL OFFER TO GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS!

Through September 30th, the National Wildlife Federation in partnership with NGC is offering a CERTIFICATION SPECIAL for NGC members who have a passion for wildlife and sustainable gardening. For only \$35, you will receive a Wildlife Habitat Certification, an attractive metal yard sign, a 1-year subscription to National Wildlife magazine and NWF's online *Garden For Wildlife* Newsletter. This offer expires on September 30th! Go online to www.gardenclub.org and follow the [link to NWF](#) to participate. Contact Becky Hasselbroek (BeckyHasse@aol.com), NWF Liaison, for details.

WEB WISDOM

A technical tip... Keep your Adobe Reader (or whatever PDF reader you use) up-to-date as the documents and forms on the NGC website are in PDF, making them available to all. Forms are fillable on line, and can be saved and used as attachments. JPGs require more Kilobytes to send – PDFs take less and thus are not going to be so big they fill up your recipient's mailbox. If you have any questions about using the NGC Website, contact Poss Tarpley, Webmaster at posst@aol.com or ngcwebsite@aol.com.

Editor's Message

Editor's Welcome

The phrase *dog days of summer* refers to the sultry days of summer, according to Google and Wikipedia. In the Northern Hemisphere, the *dog days* are most commonly experienced in the months of July and August. As we all know, typically, this is a period when the hottest summer temperatures are at play. The origin of the phrase has something to do with the Ancient Romans, the *Sirius* "dog star," the *Canis Major* (large dog) constellation, Greek poetry, Aristotle, physics and who knows what all! One poem has something about "...an evil portent, bringing heat and fevers to suffering humanity." Yep. However you explain it, here in Florida we are in the *dog days of summer*, for sure.

Working on the Fall Issue of **Deep South Matters** offered an opportunity to be inside – with the AC humming along – engaged in a cool, comfortable endeavor. Outside, in the 100 degree heat.... Ugh! At this point in time, it's best to stay inside as much as possible. That's certainly true here in the Deep South! As we all say, how on earth did our forebears get along without AC?

In this issue, you'll find information aplenty and we hope you'll find lots of inspiration and ideas for the coming year. The summer is really rolling along and soon we'll all be having Opening Coffees and Membership Teas to kick off the new year. I'm sure Planning Sessions are underway in all the six states. This is considered to be our Fall Issue; it's hard to realize that autumn's on the way when the weather is sweltering! Very soon, we will begin to cool down and enjoy the crisp, cool weather and changing colors of the leaves. We will not need to mow the lawn as often, and can plant cold hardy vegetables in our gardens.

Space constraints will not allow us to list all the awards won by the states at the DSR Convention and then at the NGC Convention in Louisville. We are bringing you an abbreviated list, and to learn more, you may visit the DSR Website at www.dsregion.org. or contact Awards Chairman, Pat Young at patwyong@hughes.net. We are publishing some information on the Youth Awards – we are proud of our youth and are happy to highlight their activities and achievements – they are our future!

We are excited to **welcome** our new Regional Director, Carol M. Bullard, and you will enjoy her first-ever Director's Message. We look for great achievements in the Deep South Region during her administration! A huge THANKS goes out to Gloria Blake, our immediate-past Director, and her team, who did an outstanding job during the past two years. We hope she's enjoying a well-earned rest.

Ron and I look forward to bringing you news and information during the next two years for this administration. We're very pleased to announce that **Deep South Matters** won an NGC Publications Award at the recent National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Boy, are we proud! We thank you for your support, interest, and encouragement as we've undertaken this new project.

Now, find a cool spot ... relax, kick back, grab a glass of ice-cold lemonade, and enjoy reading this issue of **Deep South Matters**.

Jan

Jan Sillik, DSM Editor

Reminder - The deadline for the Winter Issue of DSM is October 15th.

Regional Directors Schedule 2015



September 16-20, 2015 – 86th NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri

Oct. 8-9, 2015 - Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Conservation Camp, Montgomery Bell State Park, Burns, Tennessee

*All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in
the seeds of today.
Beauty without virtue is a flower without
perfume.*

French proverb

Regional Roundup

Alabama Jan Thomas

Alabama is gearing up for an exciting year with a State project, *Becoming an ABC Community*. A is a call for action, B is for beauty through planting and C is for caring, caring for the people who make up the community and at the same time bringing nature to the forefront.



As President, I am excited about what lies ahead for the state. In August, we begin our journey with our first board meeting followed by District Meetings in October. We have women serving on the State Board who have never served before and I find this to be energizing. They will help to build the future of GCA. These women will learn from the members who have served before them, and who are still serving in this term.

Like other States, Alabama has completed the planning and programming of two conventions. The 2016 convention will be April 3 – 5 in Montgomery and the 2017 convention will be April 4 – 6 in Huntsville.

Jan Thomas, President
Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.

Florida Arlene Rand

FFGC has been enjoying a busy summer. National Garden Week was celebrated by our clubs in many ways. Trees were planted and many towns received Proclamations from Mayors.



Mid- June was the Opening of Wekiva Youth Camp, our environmental youth camp. Children in grades 3 - 8 joined Volunteers and Staff each of the 6 weeks for a time of nature, crafts and swimming. Critters in 1st and 2nd grades came for a 3 day mini- camp and began learning the responsibility of caring for our fragile environment.

Florida's High School students in 10th -12th grades attended the SEEK Environmental Conference (Save the Earth's Environment Through Knowledge) in beautiful Wakulla Springs, July 5-8. SEEK focuses on today's critical environmental issues.

Directors in each 12 districts are having informational meetings this summer bringing clubs up to date with NGC, DS and FFGC projects and Programs - keeping our clubs informed.

June 15-17, FFGC partnered with the University of Florida for its **79th Annual Short Course**, an approved NGC Schools Tri Refresher in Gainesville. August brings **Short Course North** to Milton, also an approved NGC Schools Tri-Refresher. These are filled to capacity by garden club members and Master Gardeners.

To ease the workload of our Finance and Headquarters & Endowment committees in Sept, each holds a summer meeting.

Education continues to hold a prominent place in FFGC. Members are looking forward to: **Environmental Study School**, Course II, Jacksonville, Sept 23-24; **ESS**, Courses I and II, Ocala in Sept 26-29; **Flower Show School**, Course III, Ft Myers, Oct 11-13; **Fall Symposium**, Nov 8-10, Palm Beach Gardens; **Landscape Design School**, Course I, New Smyrna Beach, Nov 10-11; **LDSS**, Course II, Largo, Nov 12-13 and **FSS**, Course IV, Dist I, Gulf Breeze, Nov 17-19. We, of course, invite our Sister States to join us.

FFGC Chairmen have been busy preparing for the FFGC Board of Directors Meeting at the beginning of September. Plans are underway for Florida's 2016 Annual Convention and State Flower Show.

Arlene S. Rand, President
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

"GREEN FINGERS" are a fact, and a mystery only to the unpracticed... green fingers are the extensions of a verdant heart.
Russell Page, The Education of a Gardener

Regional Roundup

Georgia Martha Price

Since the Deep South Convention, We have dedicated more Blue Star Memorial Markers in our state. The workshops are now going on for the Club Officers in all seven Districts. The attendance has been larger than in the past.



We are doing the workshops on awards in August for the seven Districts. We decided to include individual Chairmen of the different categories to participate.

A workshop designed for fun and learning is planned for November at one of our state parks. We are promoting the Georgia President's Projects, Deep South Regional Director's Projects, and the National Garden Club President's Projects for the next two years. Included at this workshop is a Tri-Refresher Course for Environmental, Garden Study, and Landscape Design schools. This will also be a promotion for our Parks and Public Lands.

We have just finished our Wild and Wonderful camp for the kids. We had seventeen kids 5th and 6th grade levels to attend. This president attended and promoted her water awareness project to the kids. We used apples to represent globes and cut them up to show how little usable water exists on our planet. Globe balls and candy were handed out to remind the kids of what they had learned.

Our State Board Meeting is going to be in Helen, Georgia in September right after the National Board Meeting. We are counting on a very productive meeting. We are offering an Orientation Workshop at this time for the new members on the State Board. This President feels that knowledge of what to do is most important.

Martha Price, President
Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.
George Eliot

Louisiana Jeanette Gatzman



Everyone in the Louisiana Garden Club Federation is settling in to their new duties and responsibilities. Since our Convention held April 22 and 23, 2015 in Lake Charles, LA, we have all been working hard and having a good time doing it. We're all planning and preparing for the next two years.

2014 Cleanest City winners were announced at our LGCF Convention held in Lake Charles, Louisiana. After convention plaques were presented to the winners in each category by Chairman Jean Gilstrap and 2013-2015 LGCF President, Yvette Hebert. Jean announced she has been invited to present a workshop at the next Mayor's convention.

By the time you read this article we will have held our LGCF Summer Board, July 20 and 21, 2015. It was our pleasure to have District Director Carol Bullard as our guest. She brought us some great information regarding our Deep South Unified Regional Project. We all went home with lots of ideas and can't wait to get started on the project.

The Live Oak Society is truly alive and well. Chairman Coleen P. Landry reports a total of 41 trees have been registered since our installation on April 23, 2015. This gives us a total of 7687 members in the Live Oak Society.

LGCF is proud to announce that we have a brand new Garden Club - Grand Isle Garden Club. They became federated July 2, 2015 with 25 members. We are proud to welcome them into the Federation.

Jeanette Gatzman, President
Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc

Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and the sky as canvas.
Elizabeth Murray

Regional Roundup

Mississippi Debby Cooper

Mississippi started off the summer with the 46th Annual Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Summer Camp, cosponsored by The Garden Clubs of



Mississippi, Inc. (GCM) on the campus of Mississippi State University. Fifteen students, ages 15 to 17, from three states attended. Students toured various horticulture and agriculture related areas of the campus as well as completing several horticulture and landscape projects.

Next, GCM sponsored Lanoux Youth Nature Camp for students ages 9 to 12 at Camp Hopewell in north Mississippi. Students had an award winning workshop pertaining to all aspects of Monarch butterflies including skits, butterfly cookies, making origami monarchs and each received a native butterfly plant (*Aesclepias tuberosa*) to take home and plant.

GCM continues to focus on its many ongoing projects. This administration has chosen to encourage “Plant-It-Pink” projects by offering grant opportunities to clubs and a new state award for the most outstanding “Plant-It-Pink” landscape effort. Also, this administration will be encouraging clubs and individual members to utilize day lilies in their public and private plantings.

Several clubs have committed to or are in the process of installing Blue Star Memorial Markers and have shown interest in the new Gold Star Memorial Project.

GCM hopes to initiate the first Environmental Studies Schools series in the near future.

GCM looks forward to the “Birthday Bash and Brunch” in October to celebrate the 100 year birthday of our historic state headquarters located in Greenwood. GCM acquired the home in 1986. On tap will be brunch, a design program, opportunity drawing and the finale includes a champagne and birthday cake celebration.

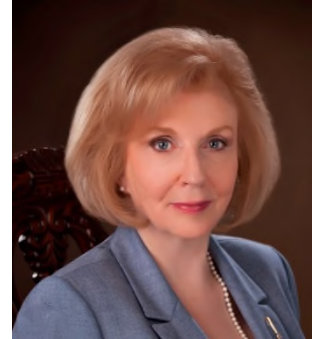
GCM looks forward to working with all of the states in the Deep South Region and promoting the goals and objectives of our Director, Carol M. Bullard.

Debby Cooper, President
The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

Tennessee Pamela L. Dowd

I am deeply honored and humbled by the confidence the membership of TFGC has placed in me to lead this great organization in carrying out its goals and projects for the next two years. My theme is

“Volunteers in Action.” Tennessee is the Volunteer State and that is what TFGC garden club members do—they actively volunteer for so many projects for the betterment of their communities, their state and their world. One of my projects is “Actively Volunteering in Our World (AVOW).” Clubs are encouraged to increase their volunteerism in projects of their choice. My second project is “Monarch Ways across Tennessee.” The goal is for every TFGC member to plant milkweed or butterfly weed for the Monarchs in order to help them in their journey from Mexico in the spring to the southern border of Canada and back again in the fall. As these pollinators decrease in number, our food supplies are threatened. Members are encouraged to plant other horticulture that attracts all pollinators. Several clubs have already reported 100% participation in this project.



Members are looking forward to our annual Conservation Camp, which will be held at Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns, TN, on October 8-9, 2015. “Volunteers: Take Flight” is the name of the camp this year. Cynda Ferguson and Carolyn Kirchner are chairing the event and have planned great programs related to protecting and conserving our natural resources. The “Monarch Lady” will share her expertise in attracting butterflies and making “Way Stations in Your Own Backyard.” Bobby Fulcher, Park Manager of Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail, will update us on the progress of completing the trail (our Land Trust Project). This trail is TN’s only linear park and consists of approximately 300 miles of hiking trail beginning at Signal

Regional Roundup

Mountain in Chattanooga, reaching the KY border and ending at Cumberland Gap National Park. With contributions of approximately \$14,000 over the last six years, we are proud to be a part of conserving this great natural resource. Our Bluebird Chairman, Linda Kelley, has visions of Bluebird Trails across TN. Campers will have an opportunity to construct their own bluebird houses. Down home cookin' and home style entertainment will keep our members happy.

In April, Barb Williams and Nancy Freeman chaired an informative and fun-filled convention in Jackson, TN. Since the convention, TFGC members have attended a flower show school in Knoxville; and one is coming up in Nashville in August. Presidents' Meetings in each of our four districts were well attended. Each district will hold a "Fun with Flowers" design program in November as a ways and means for the district and TFGC. Two districts will be holding Award Workshops this year. Several Standard Flower Shows have been staged and more are planned for this year. We are definitely proving to be "Volunteers in Action."

Pamela L. Dowd, President
Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

HOW TO BE A GARDENER

**Lean toward sunshine...dig down
deep...make peace with chaos...
Grow amazing zucchinis and too many
tomatoes...dance in the rain...
Rake leaves and jump in...hum along with
bees... ache, sweat and yearn...
Wear crazy hats...cultivate patience...stay
rooted, blossom wildly...
Mend fences... live with awe and
wonder...get earthy...
Make magic...share the harvest....be
thankful, always.**

Written by Lindy L. Kowalczyk, Marco Island, FL,
Member of the Marco Island Garden Club

MEMBER SERVICES

Contact Julia Gilmore at gcilgilmore7408@yahoo.com to learn more about the wonderful items available through Members Services in St. Louis at our NGC Headquarters. You will want to get your copy early of the new children's book, *The Frightened Frog*, by Brenda Moore and Jean Ohlmann. It is an environmental tale that is a must for every child and library. The hard copy is only \$10. You can reach HQ in St. Louis to place your order by phone, 800-550-6007, or by email, headquarters@gardenclub.org. You may also order by Fax, 314-776-5108, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

During the coming year, think about those members who are outstanding in their service and in their achievements in your Garden Club or District or State. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the life of a member – to show appreciation for their guidance as mentors and their dedication to the aims and objectives of NGC. Be sure to follow the procedures in your state. For further information, contact: Bess Harley, bhartley@gmail.com Deep South Life Membership Chairman.

THOUGHTS ON MEMBERSHIP...

Do you know someone who is NOT a member of a Garden Club, but should be? If each member would bring a new member, membership would soar! The future is not tomorrow or next week, or next year... it is *today*. Is your Garden Club growing? Let's Think MEMBERSHIP when we think Garden Club! Let's Leap Into Action!

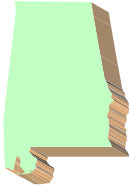
NGC CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I Pledge to Protect And Conserve The Natural Resources Of The Planet Earth And Promise To Promote Education, So We May Become Caretakers Of Our Air, Water, Forest, Land And Wildlife.

Calendar of Events

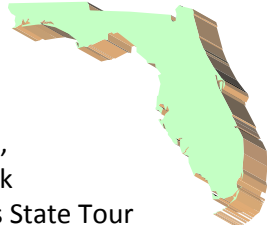
Alabama

Aug 6, 2016 - GCA Board of Directors meeting, Arrowhead Country Club, Montgomery
 August 19-20, 2015 – Symposium, Birmingham, AL
 April 3-5, 2016 State convention, Montgomery, AL



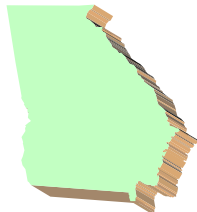
Florida

Sep 2-3, 2015 -Board Meeting, Headquarters, Winter Park
 Oct 5-23, 2015 - FFGC Officers State Tour
 Nov 8-10, 2015 - Fall Symposium, Palm Beach Gardens
 Jan 13-15, 2016 - Board of Directors Meeting, Winter Park
 Mar 12-13, 2016 - Secret Garden Tour, Stuart Garden Club
 Apr 17-19, 2016 - FFGC State Convention, Orlando
 Sep 14-15, 2016 - Board of Directors Meeting, Winter Park



Georgia

Sep 22-23, 2015 - GCG State Board Meeting Helen, GA
 Jan 13-14, 2016 - GCG State Board Meeting, Milledgeville, GA
 Mar 7-8, 2016 - Deep South Convention, Mississippi
 Apr 13-14, - 2016 GCG Annual Meeting, Macon, GA
 Sep 13-14, 2016 - GCG State Board Meeting, Peachtree City, GA



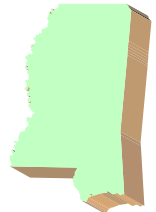
Louisiana

Jan 17-23, 2016 - LGCF Tour - Saint Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
 Jan 18-19, 2016 - Winter Council Meeting at Headquarters
 Mar 7-8, 2016 - DS Convention - Horseshoe Casino Tunica
 Apr 12-13, 2016 - LGCF, Inc. Convention - Vidalia LA
 Jun 12-18, 2016 - LGCF Tour - Amish Country Quilt Gardens
 March 27-28, 2017 - 2017 Deep South Convention, Harrah's, New Orleans, LA



Mississippi

Sept. 29-Oct. 1 and Oct. 6-8, Fall District Meetings
 Oct. 20-21, GCM Fall Activities-Starkville, MS and Miss. State University Campus
 Oct. 21, 60th Edward C. Martin, Jr. Landscape Design Symposium
 Oct. 28, State Headquarters 100th Birthday Bash Brunch
 Apr 12-13, 2016 - GCM 87th Annual Convention, Ocean Springs



Tennessee

Oct. 1 – District II Awards Workshop, Cheekwood Botanic Garden, Nashville, TN
 Oct. 1-3 – Annual Bulb Sale, Racheff House and Gardens (TFGC Headquarters), Knoxville, TN)
 Oct. 7 – TFGC Board of Directors Meeting, Montgomery Bell State Park, Burns, TN
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 Oct. 8-9 – Conservation Camp, Montgomery Bell State Park, Burns, TN
 Oct. 15 – District III Fall Membership Meeting, Mountain City Club, Chattanooga, TN
 Oct. 27 – District II Fall Membership Meeting, College Hills Church of Christ, Lebanon, TN
 Oct. 30 – District IV Fall Membership Meeting, Fox Den Country Club, Farragut, TN
 Nov. 6 – District II “Fun with Flowers” Design Program, Cheekwood Botanic Gardens, Nashville, TN
 Nov. 12 – District III “Fun with Flowers” Design Program, Heritage House, Chattanooga, TN



Come said the wind to
 The leaves one day,
 Come o'er the meadows
 And we will play.
 Put on your dresses
 Scarlet and gold,
 For summer is gone,
 And the days grow cold.

A children's song of the 1880's

Are You BEE Friendly?



Are you as excited as I am? Are your bees buzzing in your gardens? There is so much excitement going on in the world of bees. Honey bees as well as solitary bees. Finally the Obama administration hopes to save the bees by feeding them better. How you ask? A new federal plan aims to reverse America's declining honeybee and monarch butterfly populations by making millions of

acres of federal land more bee-friendly. More money will be used on research and considering the use of fewer pesticides. By putting different type of landscapes along highways. This is huge but each one of us can make a difference in the bee world! Gardeners who thought they were giving a helpful boost to their local bee populations by planting "bee friendly" gardens may in fact be doing more harm than good. It has been found about over half of the plants we buy from nurseries and stores across the United States have been pre-treated with systemic neonicotinoid insecticides making them potentially toxic to pollinators. When these plants are sprayed with neonicotinoids they can have nasty side effects. As the

bees consume more of the insecticides they'll get sicker and sicker losing motor function and forging abilities. So remember when buying from your local store or nursery ask them if the plants they sell have been sprayed with any type of chemical and if it has then don't buy it. It may look pretty but it's deadly to our bees and all pollinators.

I would also like to report that

Hobbyists, not commercial interests may be the source of flourishing bee population. This was a heading in one of our local newspapers. The reason is due to so many homeowners are taking it upon themselves to raise bees which is bringing the number of bees upward instead of declining. It still doesn't answer the question as to the Colony Collapse disorder but it does mean that people like



Sunflowers and Zinnias pollinated by bees!

us who have chosen to raise the solitary bees as well as honey bees are helping bring those numbers up.

This time of year the bees are really busy. The two boxes that I have on my house which are for leafcutter bees have been buzzing. It's such an amazing hobby and to think it's a hobby that's pollinating my fruit trees as well as all my flowers. Watching them go in and out of the reeds is mesmerizing. As summer goes on there are more and more. I put 100 cocoons in two bee boxes with the reeds and watched every day to see if they emerged. As I saw the cocoons empty I couldn't help but go outside every day to check on my bee boxes. The excitement when one flew right by my face and went into the reed, I just had to stay and wait for her to fly back out. As I watched for her to come out another went in and another. They sure didn't seem to mind I was right there up close and getting pictures of this fascinating miracle of nature.



This is the Native Coffee Plant and the bees love it!!

So, if you see chewed up leafy bits from your leaves in your garden, it may not suggest you have pest damage. It could be leaf cutters bees due to they use bits of leaves combined with saliva to create a separation between their pollen/egg chambers. When bees use chewed up leafy bits instead of cut circles like the leafcutter, it may look

like pest damage.

We can all make a difference in the world of bees, by being BEE friendly!! So let's all do our part by planting a garden that is chemical and pesticide free!

Christy Linke, DSR Bee Chairman

NEW! MONARCH BUTTERFLY PINS

In honor of President Sandy Robinson's Pollinators Project. A colorful pin that is approximately 1" high, comes attached to a card with monarch information. Sells for \$10 each and is available through Member Services at NGC Headquarters, St. Louis.

Features

ADOPT-A-PARK FANNIE ARNOLD PARK HISTORY and THE GREENVILLE WRITER'S GARDEN

In 1946, this lot was an overgrown, unkempt tangle of growth. It had in another life been Garden Gate Nursery. Mrs. Wallace Arnold, longtime Alice Bell Garden Club member, purchased this property for the club to create a park.

The purpose of the park was to be aesthetic, not a park for playgrounds or ball fields. The club began its work to remove underbrush and clear the area. A landscape architect from Birmingham, Alabama toured the property and drew up plans to beautify. The park was named Fannie Arnold Park in honor of Mrs. Arnold.

Progress was made with lighting and irrigation. In 1976, a courtyard was built to provide seating and in 1977, Fannie Arnold Park was developed into the second arboretum in the delta.

And then in 2009, the concept of a Greenville Writer's Garden came to fruition. Nature and garden quotes from published Greenville writers were permanently posted throughout the park. The following year, the garden club honored military veterans when a Blue Star Memorial highway marker was dedicated on Veteran's Day with over 100 areas veterans attending. And just this year, the park earned the status of official wildlife habitat and has been recognized by the National Wildlife Association.

Fannie Arnold Park has been maintained by this garden club since 1946. The park has received major state and national awards and recognition. The club is very proud of this green area which nurtures native trees, bursts with color in the spring, provides a home and food for wildlife, honors hometown artists and is a respite and place of beauty for all citizens of Greenville.

Lynda Dickerson, DSR Adopt-a-Park Chairman,
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GARDEN THERAPY

There are many facets to Garden Therapy. You may know, the structure of Garden Therapy has changed over the years. As we begin this administration, let's strive to support the healing gardens for the visually and physically impaired, as described on the NGC website.

This project is to collect information regarding gardens for the visually and physically impaired. We are looking for specially designed gardens that help children and adults who are blind, deaf-blind, or hearing-impaired (other disabilities may be included) develop skills and improve their social, psychological and physical well-being through gardening activities. Each state garden club is asked to assist in completing this project by submitting information about the gardens in their state. This information will be used to prepare a brochure and provide information on the Internet.



A garden for the blind, or for those with diminished sight, is one that appeals to all the senses without overwhelming them. In fact, garden plants for visually impaired individuals include those that can be touched, smelled, tasted, or even heard. It's a well maintained and easily navigated refuge with appropriate tools accessible at a moment's notice. With careful planning and proper maintenance, visually impaired gardens are a place of beauty and efficiency that allow the gardener to be completely independent every step of the way.

Many states are doing great projects in this area. Sandy Robinson, NGC President, encourages us to "Leap into Action." Let's do this by submitting information on your state and local projects that will support this project. It is time for all gardeners to demonstrate "Service in Action," another of Sandy's themes, and participate in garden therapy.

For more information, contact: Bonnie Borne, Chairman:
NGC Garden Therapy Project

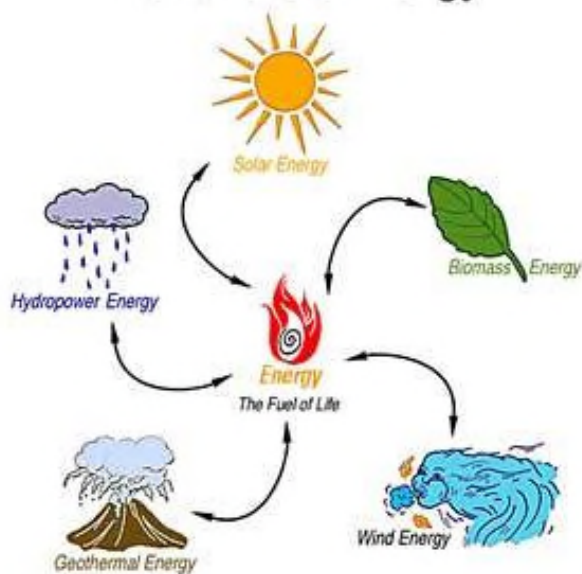
Diane J. Harbin, DSR Garden Therapy Chairman,
dianejharbin@comcast.net

Features

Energy – the Ability to do Work

Energy comes in various forms: heat (thermal), light (radiant), motion (kinetic), electrical, chemical, nuclear, and gravitational.

Renewable Energy



Energy sources are classified as **renewable** or **nonrenewable**. Renewable energy is an energy source that can be easily replenished. Nonrenewable energy is an energy source that cannot be easily recreated.

The five main renewable energy sources are:

- Solar energy from the sun, which can be turned into electricity and heat
- Wind energy
- Geothermal energy from heat inside the earth
- Biomass from plants, including firewood from trees, ethanol from corn and biodiesel from vegetable oil
- Hydropower from hydroelectric turbines

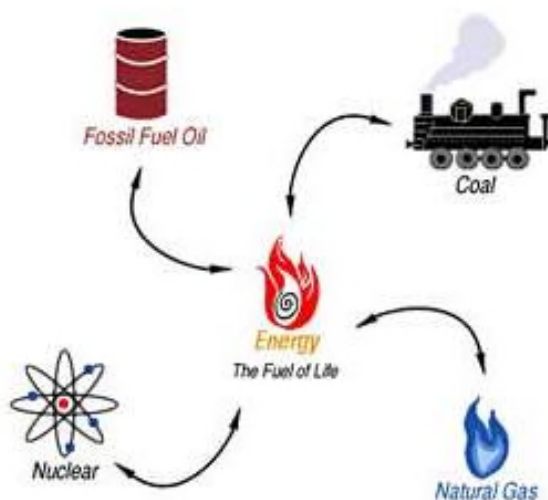
We get most of our energy from nonrenewable sources:

- Fossil fuels (oil, natural gas and coal)
- Uranium

We use both renewable and nonrenewable energy to generate the electricity for homes, businesses, schools and factories. Most of the gasoline used in cars and motorcycles and the diesel fuel used in trucks, tractors and

buses are nonrenewable, as is the natural gas used to heat our homes, dry our clothes and cook our food.

Non-Renewable Energy



In 2014 in the United States 90% of the energy used was from nonrenewable sources. The largest renewable energy source was biomass (wood, biofuel and biomass waste) which accounted for about half of all the renewable energy and was 5% of the total energy consumption.

For a state by state analysis, extensive 2014 State Energy Profiles can be found at www.eia.gov.

*Source: U. S. Energy Information Administration
Mary Sue Colvin, DSR Energy Chairman*

DID YOU KNOW?

Toads have dry, warty skins and they hop. Frogs have moist, smooth skins and they leap. You will have a hard time distinguishing one from the other. It is a matter of glands, ridges, warts and coloration. To complicate matters, the various species will hybridize with each other. Man's way of altering the habitats and bringing the species together that normally would be isolated from each other hasn't helped. Sadly, amphibians are threatened with the largest mass extinction since the dinosaurs.

WHAT IS THE DEEP SOUTH REGION AND WHO IS A MEMBER?

While serving as the Deep South Regional Director for the past two years I have been asked this question quite often. The answer is when you join a local garden club, affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc., you are a member of your District, your State Garden Club, the Deep South Region and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

National Garden Club is divided into eight regions. The Deep South Region includes six states, and they are AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, & TN. The Deep South Region has approximately 33,000 members. The Deep South Council (Board) consists of a little over 100 members from all six states. The Council is structured as most clubs with a little variation. It includes a Regional Director, an Alternate Regional Director (no Pres. or Vice Presidents), Officers, the six State Presidents from the Deep South Region, and Chairmen. The Officers and Chairmen are appointed by the Regional Director.

The Deep South Regional Director and Alternate Regional Director are voted in by each state and are two year positions that rotate through the six states. Therefore, Florida will not have a Deep South Regional Director for another ten years.

The Deep South Regional Director chooses a theme, and a Deep South Regional Project which includes awards. The Deep South Region has many other awards that can be applied for with worthy state projects and programs. At the yearly Deep South Convention the awards are then presented.

The Deep South Region, also, gives two \$3,000 scholarships each year to students in the Deep South Region.

The Regional Directors position involves attending National Garden Club Executive Board meetings, National Garden Club Board meetings, National Garden Club Conventions, and plans for two Deep South Conventions. The DS Director, also, visits each of the six states for a Convention, a Board meeting, or another type of garden club event. During these visits the Director brings information from NGC to the states and clubs.

Cinny O'Donnell, the DS Alternate Regional Director, and I have enjoyed a wonderful two years, and we want to thank everyone for your support and the opportunity to serve.

The Deep South Regional Director for the 2015-2017 administration is Carol Bullard from Mississippi. Her theme is "Service Through Action" and her project is "Community Action." She will appreciate your support, and we look forward to her visits to the Deep South States. For further information the DS website is www.dsregion.org.

Gloria Blake
Former DSR Director

THE MEANING OF GARDEN CLUB WORK

**For some it means the actual gardening, hands in the soil, body in the sun*

**To some it means the use of flowers as a medium of artistic expression*

**To some it means an opportunity to serve their community, to turn ugly places into spots of beauty*

**To some it is a spiritual experience, to experience the rewards of the therapeutic value of garden therapy, a time to give and to share*

**To a few, it means the challenge of leadership and personal ability in group work*

**To a very few, it is meaningless, a name on the membership roll and occasional attendance.*

**To many it means making friends, meeting with old treasured friends, and making new valued friends*
Garden Club work is as complex as the unfolding of a rose and as simple as the face of a daisy. It is social. It is spiritual. It is political. It is educational. It is scientific. It is, most of all, a way of life.

*Author unknown, excerpted from The National Gardener
as reprinted by the Iowa Federation
as found in the Luther Burbank
District 1990-1991 Yearbook.*

Gardening Tip

Late summer is a great time to start a lawn, as the soil is much warmer at that time than in spring. Grass seed will sprout faster and more evenly. The lawn will have time to establish before encountering winter cold, and there will be less competition from weeds in the fall. -- UMass Extension

Noteworthy Projects from around the Region

COMMUNITY GARDENS

On April 8, 2015 Mayor George Cretekos acting as Chairman of the Community Redevelopment Agency signed the Lease Agreement with The Clearwater Garden Club for approximately 15,000 square feet of property located at 1277 Grove Street just west of N. Betty Lane. This gave us the right to use the property for Clearwater Community Gardens first community garden. Since then we have been soliciting membership and gardeners and raising funds to pay for garden plots, a shed, compost bins, irrigation and soil, fencing and gates.



To date we have raised close to \$4000.00. We currently have 35 paid members, 15 gardeners and another 8 pending. Our gates are installed and the back 208 foot fence is scheduled to be installed in a month. We will then be able to begin building compost bins, shed, and plots. See photos below.

We plan to open for gardening in September to take advantage of the fall/winter growing season. People get your trowels ready!

Guiding Principles of CCG

These were developed as a result of research into community gardens all across the country.

- Community gardens reduce crime
- Community Gardens increase property value
- Community Gardens promote a sense of community
- Community Gardens provide affordable food security
- Community Gardens enhance nutrition, physical activity & improve quality of life

Lowe's Home Improvement, has submitted Clearwater Community Gardens for their Heroes Award

By Howard Warshauer, Chairman, Clearwater Community Gardens, Clearwater Garden Club, Florida

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public relations is an important component of our yearly plans, for it's the way we promote the positive image of the Garden Club and of our Clubs. Sometimes we want to publicize a particular project or event that is newsworthy. Often, we want to remind the public-at-large that we are a worthy organization that is a "force for good in the community." Here are some suggestions developing a successful public relations program:

- Promote club activities through all media, press, radio, TV and websites. Learn the tools for cultivating a good relationship with the media. Personal contact with personnel and editors is vital to success in getting your message out.
- Develop good community relations by encouraging members to participate in community-wide projects, such as planting of gardens at public gardens, parks and libraries, cleaning up of streams and roadways, school grounds beautification. Make sure to have your club logo on shirts to let everyone know who you are!
- Encourage members to serve in the community on boards such as conservation, environmental education, civic beautification, park development groups and so on. Garden Club members who are graduates of the NGC Schools have much to offer in the community as educators and consultants.
- Members can write letters to the editor to build support for a Garden Club project. Well-written commentary on topics of interest to Garden Clubbers would be of interest to the many members in your community.
- Send articles to the Garden Columnists of your newspapers, websites and magazines in your area. It's possible to work through the Master Gardeners as they have many contacts, and often write Garden Columns, Q&A's in local publications.
- Make sure your events and programs are listed in the Calendar of Events in your newspaper and website. If there is a Community Connection program on TV in your area, make every effort to have a Garden Club member appear on the show to publicize Club activities and Garden Club interests.

Adapted from an article in The National Gardener, 2010

FOCUS ON YOUTH

ONE PERSON-ONE WORLD BY: CODY LAGANA

The world is shared by all and all must work together to protect it. One person at a time can make a difference if they only see the world like I do. It starts with respect for each other and the environment in which we live in. We share our planet with humans, animals, plants and the ocean. We all share the oxygen and now we must share the desire to make our world a better place. It starts with education and that should be done at home and at schools. Many people have the opportunity to travel all over the world and should share their experience. Ecosystems vary in different parts of the world and some are more negatively affected than others. Awareness must be raised in order to bring change to our world.

What humans need to see is the waste and destruction of wildlife and plants. Not to mention the pollution we are causing. There are many things that are harming our environment. We need to protect and preserve the oceans, canals, and waterways for ourselves and the species that live there. Our future depends on it.

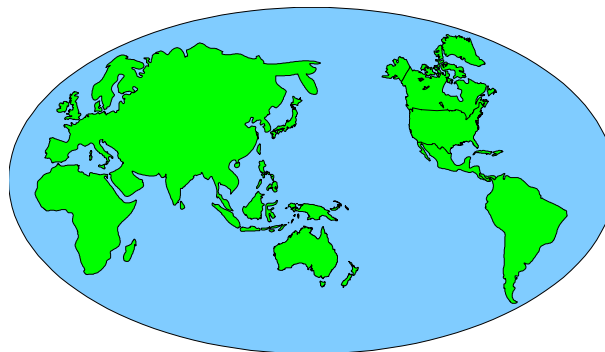
My passion for the environment began by visiting nature trails at parks as a child and seeing the beauty that surrounded me while I was camping. It was truly breathtaking to see nature at its finest. The birds were chirping, the trees were swaying and the air was crisp. As I got older and we started traveling to other states, I began to see litter in the parks and people cutting paths and destroying the plants and flowers. I then realized that not everyone thought of our environment as I did.

When I was in sixth grade, joined the environment club and learned more about gardening. We planted vegetables, flowers, and plants. We used native pollinator friendly plants that were non-invasive. Organic methods for both vegetables and flower gardens were healthier for humans and animals.

By reducing pesticides, improves the quality of the air we breathe and the amount of chemicals we ingest.

Rain Gardens are also a great way to conserve energy and resources. The water is free and catches the runoff that might otherwise end up in our canals and waterways. Our drinking water is vital to our survival and we don't want to

pollute it with bacteria and chemicals that are harmful to us. Animals and plants also share these necessary resources.



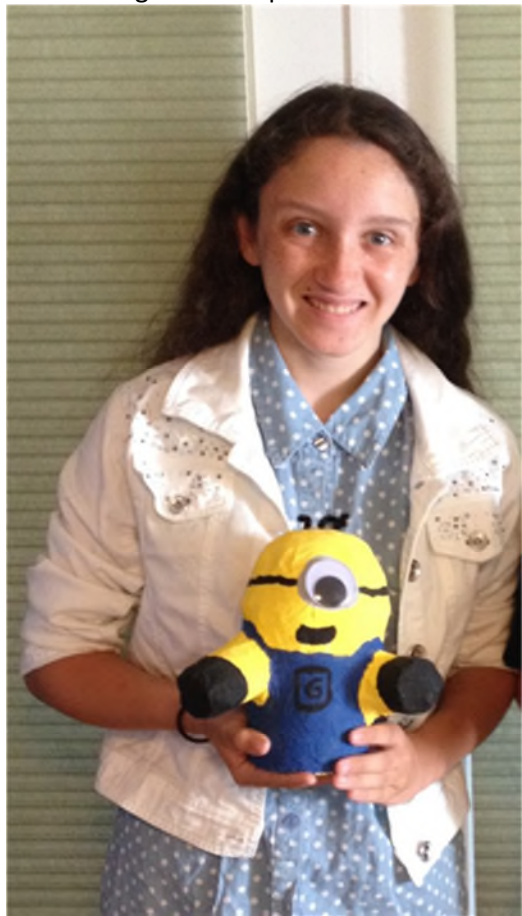
Many freshwater and brackish wetlands in the Northeast US are overrun and degraded by dense strands of invasive plants. Environmental technicians have successfully restored degraded wetlands by treating and mowing invasive species and planting native vegetation to combat erosion. By managing invasive plants we can help the wetlands recover to be thriving ecosystems.

When I see the lack of respect for our environment by humans that throw garbage on our highways, beaches and parks, it made me think of what contribution I can make to our environment. I am only one person but I only have one world and I need to make a difference. My solution was to start picking up the garbage left by others and while doing so, educate other students and get them involved. So, I contacted The Solid Waste Authority and joined there Adopt-A-Spot program. I adopted a street by a school and it was backed by a canal. I called my group the "Litter Busters" and started recruiting my classmates. We did a cleanup and offered volunteer hours to students. I started my group in seventh grade with five friends and we cleaned up the roads and canal every three months. Five years later, I am in eleventh grade and have 30 members. We participate in community cleanups and International Coastal Cleanups. I am proud that I won an award from the Solid Waste Authority for my group's participation and making a difference in our community. I have now invited students from the Environmental club and National Honor Society to participate with my group and hope to educate them on the importance of our environment.

Editor's Note: This is the original essay that Cody Lagana, Wellington (FL) High School, grade 11, submitted for his entry in the NGC 2014-2015 High School Essay Contest.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

Emily Oschmann—NGC Recycled Sculpture
2015 - 6th grade - 1st place winner



Advice for Gardeners, Designers

- For a clean birdbath, place copper pennies in the water, copper slows algae growth.
- When designing with hollow-stemmed flowers, put a skewer, chopstick or twig up into the stem to make it stronger.
- To deter squirrels from digging in your patio container, create decoys with pots containing only soil so they can dig around in the dirt. Also, you might place river rocks over the top of the soil to discourage the little pests.

MOSQUITO BYTES BUG BATTLES

Mosquito means “little fly” in Spanish; they are in the *Culicidae* family of insects and there are 2700 different species known, with 50 not responding to insecticides! The mosquito has survived since the Jurassic Period.

Late summer is a time in the Deep South when we are getting eaten alive, but with the cooler fall hours, we’re hoping for some relief! Sad to say, mosquitos hibernate and can survive up to five years before hatching.

To combat them, invert any potential water-holding yard items, like wheelbarrows pots and buckets. Place clay pot houses in shady nooks and feeders of seed to encourage toad and bird participation in your mosquito mitigation efforts.

The complete life cycle of a single mosquito, from egg to adult, can be as little as two weeks. The little rascals can inflict a lot of misery in a short time!

Excerpted from an article found on the Dave’s Garden website

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SMOKEY BEAR

This past year has been the birthday year for Smokey Bear – he celebrated his 70th Birthday! Begin to plan now for next year’s contest – spread the word and encourage your youth to participate in the Smokey Bear/Woodsey Owl Poster Contest. Let’s reach out to share the message of Smokey Bear – **ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!** And from Woodsy Owl, **LEND A HAND, CARE FOR THE LAND.**



TRUTH OR MYTH?

When it comes to fertilizer or manure in a garden, the more the merrier! Not so. Soil that is too rich in nitrogen may inhibit seed germination, burn young seedlings, or contribute to a lot of initial leafy, but weak, plant growth. There are some exceptions, heavy feeders like corn, but it’s best to look into it, and don’t overdo!

Excerpted from The National Gardener magazine

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Course I

July 30 - August 1, 2015 – Lafayette, LA

Registrar: Mary Jane Peters – (985) 580-2864

Instructors:

FSP & Horticulture: Tina Tuttle | Coleus & Salvia

Design: Gina Jogan

March 23-25, 2015, Marty Ward, Chairman, Naples, FL

[Registration](#)

Sep 28-30, 2015 - Johns Creek, GA

Registrar: Cookie Roland (770) 972-0219

Instructors:

FSP & Horticulture: Darlene Newell | chrysanthemums and echeveria

Design: Fay Brassie

Course III

Oct 12-14, 2015, Marty Ward, Chairman, Naples, FL

Oct 12-14, 2015 - Fort Meyers, FL

Registrar: Terry Pinck (239) 368-5615

Instructors:

FSP & Horticulture: Dale DeFeo | croton and succulents / cacti combination plantings

Design: Penny Decker

Feb 2-4, 2016 - Port St. Lucie, FL

Registrar: Michele Myers (561) 308-4260

Instructors:

FSP & Design: Barbara May

Horticulture: Jim Schmidt | annuals / biennials: pelargonium & succulents; cacti: echeveria

Course IV

Aug 24-26, 2015 - Nashville, TN

Registrar: Kathy Rychen (615) 406-5716

Instructors:

FSP & Design: Trece Chancellor

Horticulture: Pam Braun | container grown pelargonium & succulents sansevieria

Nov 17-19, 2015 - Gulf Breeze, FL

Registrar: Judy Keliher (850) 484-9172

Feb 2-4, 2016 - Port St. Lucie, FL

Registrar: Michele Myers (561) 308-4260

Instructors:

FSP & Design: Barbara May

Horticulture: Jim Schmidt | annuals / biennials: pelargonium & succulents; cacti: echeveria

April 11-13, 2016, Marty Ward, Chairman, Naples, FL

NGC ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY SCHOOL

September 2015 - Dates TBA

North Louisiana

<http://www.lgcfinc.org/environmental-studies-school.html>

Course I

September 26-27, 2015 (Pending approval) - The Living Earth -Introduction, Presented by Dist. 5

Course II

September 23-24, 2015 (Pending approval)

Presented by Dist. 4, The Garden Club of Jacksonville, FL,

Chair Jackie Host jhost48@gmail.com

813-977-5156

September 28-29, 2015 Silver Springs Park, FL

Chairman Judy Greenberg, Registrar Pat Caren

caren@cfl.rr.com

Course III

March 20-21, 2016 - Silver Springs (pending approval)

Chairman: Judy Greenberg

352-871-1094 judyng@gmail.com

Course IV

March 22-23, 2016 - Silver Springs (pending approval)

Chairman: Judy Greenberg

352-871-1094 judyng@gmail.com

2015 GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL

Course I

Aug 4-6, 2015 - Rome, GA

State Chairman: Jackie Fulmer (770) 722-8229

Nov. 17, 18, 2015, Wingate Hotel, Miramar FL, (pending approval)

Chairman Marylou Ruiz - hazeleyes58@comcast.net

Course II

April 12-13, 2016 - Miramar (pending approval)

Chairman: Marylou Ruiz

305-822-2717 hazeleyes58@comcast.net

Required Reading: The reading for this course is the NGC subscription publication [The National Gardener magazine](#). There are several ways to order the magazine and there is more information available on the NGC website.

2015 LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY COURSES

Course: I

November 10-11, 2015, Hosted by New Smyrna Beach GC, New Smyrna Beach, FL, State School Chairman, Karen Gott: kgott1219@comcast.net

Course II

Nov 11-12, 2015 - Largo, FL
State Chairman: Karen Gott (954) 532-5602

Feb. 16-17, 2016 - New Smyrna Beach

Chairman: Sally Flanagan

386-428-3170 sfflan@aol.com

Course III

Nov. 9-10, 2016, Hosted by New Smyrna Beach GC, New Smyrna Beach, FL

March 15-16, 2016 - Sarasota

Chairman: Maida Atkins

941-488-4373 maidaatkins2103@gmail.com

Course IV

Feb 7-8, 2017, Hosted by New Smyrna Beach GC, New Smyrna Beach,

Course IV

Required Reading: The reading for this course is the book "Stewards of the Land" along with the NGC subscription publication [The National Gardener](#)

[magazine](#). "Stewards of the Land" and *The National Gardener* are available from the NGC Online Store.

Newscape is the NGC Landscape Design Newsletter

- *Newscape* Spring 2014
- *Newscape* Fall 2013
- *Newscape* Spring 2013
- *Newscape* Spring 2012
- *Newscape* Fall 2011

2015 BI-REFRESHER (LDS, GSS)

August 13-14, 2015, Sponsored by District 1 & UF - IFAS, The Santa Rosa Extension Office in Milton, FL, 6368 Dogwood Drive, Milton, Theme: "Inquiring Minds Want to Know," Chairman: [Tina Tuttle](#) 850-587-2361

NGC Tri-Refresher—Tropical Short Course

Jan. 27-28, 2016 - West Palm Beach

Chairman: Nancy Richards

561-274-0185 nancyrichards@gmail.com

2015 SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

August 19-20, 2015 – Birmingham, AL

Registrar: Sybil Ingram – Phone: (205) 733-9536

Instructors:

Design: Trece Chancellor – "Dine-a-Rama," Allied Topic: Mechanics Review and New

Horticulture: David Robson – Branching Out (Arboreals) & Capitulum, Allied Topic: "So, Do You Really Know The Answer?"

November 8-10, 2015 – Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Registrar: Phyllis Gidley – Phone: (772) 286-0507

Instructors:

Design: Barbara May – In & Out, Underwater, Allied Topic: "International Influences in American Floral Design"

Horticulture: Darlene Newell – Sultry Frondescence & Gingers, Allied Topic: "It's Good to Bee Queen"

Feb 15-17, 2016 - Woodworth, LA

Registrar: Sherri Labbe (985) 851-3593

Instructors:

Design: Trece Chancellor | dine-a-rama, allied topic: point score comments

Horticulture: Gay Austin | container-grown herbs, allied topic: subdividing horticulture

KNOW YOUR STATE FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR STATE

Please note the DSR States' Websites included. It's a good idea to check your state website on a regular basis – an important source of information.

Alabama

Flower: Camellia
Wildflower: Oakleaf Hydrangea
Tree: Longleaf Pine
Bird: Yellowhammer
Butterfly: Monarch



The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.
<http://xl1.esiteasp.com/gca/home.nxg>

Louisiana

Flower: Magnolia
Wildflower: Louisiana Iris
Tree: Bald Cypress
Bird: Brown Pelican



Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
<http://www.lgcfinc.org/>

Florida

Flower: Orange Blossom
Wildflower: Coreopsis
Tree: Sabal Palm
Bird: Mockingbird
Butterfly: Monarch



Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
<https://ffgc.wildapricot.org/>

Mississippi

Flower: Magnolia
Wildflower: Coreopsis
Tree: Magnolia Grandiflora
Bird: Mockingbird
Butterfly: Spicebush Swallowtail



The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.
<http://msclubs.esiteasp.com/mississippi/home.nxg>

Georgia

Flower: Cherokee Rose
Wildflower: Wild Azalea
Tree: Live Oak
Bird: Brown Thrasher
Butterfly: Tiger Swallowtail



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
<http://gardenclub.uga.edu/>

Tennessee

Flower: Purple Iris
Wildflower: Passion Flower
Tree: Tulip Poplar
Bird: Mockingbird
Butterfly: Tiger Swallowtail



Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
<http://www.tfgconline.org/>

“COMMUNITY ACTION”

2015-2017 Deep South Region theme
“Service Through Action”

2015-2017 National Garden Clubs, Inc. theme
“Leap into Action”

The 2015-2017 Deep South Region Theme, “***Service Through Action***,” addresses the fact that to serve our communities by beautifying, conserving, teaching others, etc., requires **Action**. The Deep South Unified Regional Project, “***Community Action***,” will direct state organizations and clubs to initiate a project or projects within their communities involving Environmental Efforts, Gardening Efforts and/or Educational Efforts. This two year project will involve DSR Clubs, State Organizations and Youth.

The natural landscapes of the Deep South Region states are among this Nation’s most beautiful and yet are quite diverse. Natural resources are abundant but so are the challenges. Litter control, declining aquifers and educating citizens on the health aspects of gardening are a few. Addressing and solving these problems will be a bond that unites the Deep South Region.

Projects for the 2015-2017 DSURP should be a NEW project. The DSURP has 3 categories focusing on major challenges: Environmental Efforts, Planting Efforts and Educational Efforts. Examples of projects are as follows:

Environmental Efforts: Litter Control, Recycling, Soil Conservation, Water Conservation, Butterfly Conservation, Bee Conservation, etc.

Planting Efforts: School Grounds Improvement, Tree Planting, Adopt-A-Park, Native Plants, Arbor Day, Community Improvement through Plantings, Community Gardens, Butterfly Gardens, etc. Projects must involve plants and plantings.

Educational Efforts: Workshops/ Seminars for members and/or community citizens pertaining to NGC goals and objectives, including the NGC National President’s Special Projects. Workshops/ Seminars should be solely organized and promoted by the club or groups of clubs or the state organization. They must be at least 3 hours in length and may be included with another event such as a Flower Show, Board of Director’s meeting or other special event. Speakers may be from outside agencies.

Awards for the DSURP are outlined on the following pages. Please notice that the amount of the Cash Awards offered for the Club Competition are significant and meant as incentives for clubs to begin and complete a new project and apply for an award.

Please address any questions to:
Nancy B. Moore, DSURP Chairman
P.O. Box 116
Decatur, MS 39327-0116
Phone: (601-635-3160) Email: jmmoore@decaturltel.net

DEEP SOUTH UNIFIED REGIONAL PROJECT

DEEP SOUTH UNIFIED REGIONAL PROJECT AWARD RULES **2015-2017**

“COMMUNITY ACTION”

Send Award to: Nancy B. Moore

P.O. Box 116

Decatur, MS 39327-0116

Phone: (601-635-3160) Email: jmmoore@decaturtel.net

Class I: Club Competition (States are allowed only one entry in each sub class, per Category)

Category 1. Environmental Efforts

A certificate and cash awards will be offered for the most comprehensive entry in each of the following sub classes.

A. Individual Club

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

B. Group of Clubs, Councils, or Districts

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

Category 2. Planting Efforts

A certificate and cash awards will be offered for the most comprehensive entry in each of the following sub classes.

A. Individual Club

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

B. Group of Clubs, Councils, or Districts

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

Category 3. Educational Efforts

A certificate and cash awards will be offered for the most comprehensive entry in each of the following sub classes.

A. Individual Club

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

B. Group of Clubs, Councils, or Districts

1st Place - \$200.00

2nd Place - \$100.00

Class I: Club Competition – Overall Award

A certificate and a cash award of \$250.00 will be offered for the most comprehensive entry in Class I – Club Competition.

DEEP SOUTH UNIFIED REGIONAL PROJECT

Class II: State Competition

A certificate and \$200 cash award will be offered to the State Garden Club Organization in the Deep South Region for the most comprehensive entry in any or all of the above mentioned Categories.

Class III: Youth Club Competition

A certificate and cash awards \$50 (1st), \$25 (2nd), and \$10 (3rd) may be awarded youth clubs for the most comprehensive entry in any or all of the above mentioned Categories. States are allowed only one entry in each sub class.

A. Junior (Preschool – Grade 6)

B. Intermediate/High School (Grade 7 – 12)

Submit Books of Evidence (compiled according to Deep South Award rules) to your State Deep South Unified Regional Project Chair by your State Deadline. That Chairman will submit to Deep South Unified Regional Project Chair to be received no later than **January 31, 2015.**

SCALE OF POINTS

- 1. Participation:** (Club: of members) **15**
(size of club; percentage and involvement of members, community, government agencies, professionals, youth, residents in facilities, others. Not all of these have to be involved.)
(State: percentage of state membership, involvement of other agencies)
- 2. Achievement:** **65**
(scope of project; need and fulfillment; benefit to community; accomplishment; comprehensiveness of work; activities to attain goals; evaluation of goals reached; prior planning)
- 3. Presentation of Book of Evidence:** **20**
(neat, concise, includes all required information for a Book of Evidence; supporting data, such as clear, well-labeled and neatly attached before & after photographs, landscape plan (does not have to be professionally drawn), if applicable; financial report, letters of appreciation, community awards, newspaper/magazine articles; handouts/publications available at event, etc. Photocopies permitted.

Total 100 points

TIPS ON HUMMINGBIRD FEEDERS

- Always keep feeders clean! Moldy feeders can kill birds and their babies.
- Use only vinegar and water to clean feeders as other cleaning products can have toxic residue. Never use honey, artificial sweeteners, or red dye, use only sugar water that you have made by combining four parts hot water to one part white sugar, boiled for one to two minutes.
- Multiple feeders can reduce the territorial fighting of hummingbirds.

To learn more about hummers, visit www.hummingbirdsat home.org, www.eBird.org or www.audubon.org.

PHOTOS FROM THE NGC CONVENTION

Deep South officers receive awards at National Convention in Kentucky



L, Linda Nelson, R, Gloria Blake



L, Linda Nelson, R, Arlene Rand



L to R, Gloria Blake, Trece Chancellor, Arlene Rand



L, Deen Day Sanders, R, Carol M. Bullard

NEWS FROM THE NGC CONVENTION

Highlights of National Award Winners from Deep South States (Monetary awards and others)

#12 Publications:

Magazine or Bulletin of 13 – 24 pages:

I	Deep South Region – for <i>Deep South Matters</i>	Deep South
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#14J Horticulture Achievement by a Junior and/or Intermediate Garden Club

OVERALL WINNER:	Watkinsville Garden Club	\$50	GA
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#24 Award of Excellence for State Garden Clubs

D	Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.	\$500	FL
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#28 Landscape Design for Church Gardens:

OVERALL WINNER:	Ocean Springs Garden Club	MS
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#39 Litter/Recycling/Reclamation:

OVERALL WINNER –	The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.	\$100	GA
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#51 Decoration of Historic Building:

OVERALL WINNER –	Dade City Garden Club	\$25	FL
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#60 Junior Leadership Award:

WINNER –	Kathy Donahue (Townview Garden Club)	\$100	GA
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#65J Junior Garden Club Horticulture Award

WINNER (B)	Little Shadows Junior Garden Club	\$50	LA
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#71 Roadside Award:

Aii	Alice Bell Garden Club	\$400	MS
Div	The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.	\$300	GA

#73 Civic Project with Native Plants:

OVERALL WINNER –	The Ribault Garden Club	\$750	FL
Ai	Park Place Garden Club	\$400	MS
Aii	Blossomwood Garden Club	\$300	AL
Aii	Grenada Garden Club	\$250	MS

#74 Outdoor Classrooms/Nature Trails:

OVERALL WINNER –	Ladybugs Garden Club	\$750	GA
Aiii	Valparaiso Garden Club	\$350	FL

Member Award of Honor – Deep South Region:

Lisa Ferraro,	Town and Country Garden Club	FL
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NGC MEMBERSHIP PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:

1 ST place	Sara Treanor, Wymberly Garden Club	\$250	GA
2 nd place	Piper's Landing Garden Club	\$100	FL

NGC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

Phyllis J. Wood Scholarship	B. Garrett	AL
Jessie M. Conner Scholarship	I. Branstrom	FL
Eleanor Crosby/Hazel Knapp Scholarship	K. Balko	FL
Deen Day Sanders Scholarship	R. Durham	GA
Ellen Griffin Scholarship	R. Wigington	GA
Geraldine Dean Scholarship	S. Stewart	MS