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AFGC Avenues and Adventures

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Happy New Year, Gardeners, Burr! It's cold outside. Time to really get ready to make plans - think about those spring projects, club meetings, fund raisers and membership catchers. We have time to sit down with our fellow club members over a cup of hot joe, cocoa or tea, talking about all the new and old seed varieties and all the new plant releases. Enjoy this planning time. The temp outside is too cold and the

ground is frozen, but spring is on its way. Look to March, I can't wait until the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show. Come to see this, work as a volunteer, design, or just get new ideas. I plan on seeing you there.

"Plant America, Sow Arkansas".

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REMINDER:

At the 2017 AFGC Convention held at the Delta Resort and Spa, AFGC Board Members voted to increase dues for 2018-2019. Please send \$6.00 per member to the AFGC office by July 1, 2018. Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Planning Ahead

March 2-4, AR Flower and Garden Show, State Fairgrounds, open to the public on Friday at 10am. Plan to participate in some way. You will enjoy the experience.



Camden Garden Club invites you to attend their 25th Annual Daffodil Festival in March. They are planning tours of gardens, as well as homes during the March 9-10 event.

www.camdendaffodilfestival.com.

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March 17-19 will be the Jonquil Festival at Historic Washington State Park. Plan to celebrate the arrival of spring at this historic site near Hope.



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Dues for 2018 are
\$6.00 per member.

Classes at Garvan Woodland Gardens in February

Bonsai for Beginners Workshop

FEBRUARY 22, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Magnolia Room

Garvan Horticulturist Bryan Carlan leads a workshop for beginning bonsai gardeners. Bryan will discuss plant selection, container and materials sources, and techniques for producing a bonsai specimen that will endure the years. Each participant will leave with a potted bonsai style tree.

\$35 Members / \$50 Non-Members / Limited Seating / Advance Reservations Required | Class almost full; call 800-366-4664

Mosaic-Making Workshop

FEBRUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 28, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Magnolia Room

Back by popular demand! Local artist and Garvan staff member Suzie Burch presents a two-day creative workshop. Each participant will design and create a dimensional mosaic birdhouse art piece.

Following the principal, “One person’s trash is another’s treasure,” mosaic art can be made by up cycling materials often found at the flea market or the neighborhood yard sale. While all materials are provided, students are encouraged to bring old trinkets, stones, and other pieces of “junk” that they would like to include in their finished piece of art!

Day one will find students designing and placing pieces. Day two will allow students to grout and cure the finished product.

\$35 Members / \$50 Non-Members / Limited Seating / Advance Reservations Required | [Register online](#) or call 800-366-4664

(Information from the Garvan Garden Website).

Petit Jean Garden Club Receives Key to City

The Petit Jean Garden Club held their monthly meeting December 8th at the beautifully decorated home of Merlene Tucker. The meeting was the annual Christmas Potluck with sixteen members and one guest, Morrilton Mayor Allen Lipsmeyer attending. After lunch the Mayor presented the Garden Club and President, Merlene Tucker, with a Key to the City. He had attended the Northwest District meeting hosted by Petit Jean Garden Club in September. The award was in recognition of all the club does to promote Morrilton, their donations, and volunteer programs.



The picture is: Morrilton Mayor Allen Lipsmeyer presenting the Key to the City to Petit Jean Garden Club and Merlene Tucker, President.

SCR Convention Registration Form

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION—Registration Form

89th Annual Spring Convention, "Wonders of the Coastal Prairie", hosted by District IV, TGC, Inc., April 27-28, 2018, Marriott Houston North, 255 North Sam Houston Pkwy E, Houston, TX 77060. (281) 875-4000, Single or double, \$99 + tax. Code, SCR or South Central Region Conference. Complimentary Breakfast for hotel guests.

Deadline for reservations special rate, 4/12/18.

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

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Garden Club _____

Please UNDERLINE (all that apply):

Former NGC President, NGC Officer, NGC Chair, NGC Committee Member, SCR Officer, SCR Chair, State Chair, State Officer, District Director, Club President, Club Member, Affiliate President, Flower Show Judge, Environmental Consultant, Landscape Consultant, Gardening Consultant, State Life Member, Regional Life Member, National Life Member, First Time Attendee, Guest.

Check payable to: District IV TGC, Inc. Mail checks and registration form to: Madeleine Rogers, Treasurer, 2002 Sierra Kemah, TX. 77565, 281-538-9619

Please mark either a FULL TIME Package or items in Registration area:

Full- time package includes:

Registration fee, Friday night Dinner and Design program; Saturday lunch and program "The Giving Field"; Awards Presentation; Workshop "Petite Design", Banquet and program from Katy Prairie Conservancy.

EARLY FULL-TIME PACKAGE (post marked on or before 4/12/18) \$140.00 _____.

LATE FULL TIME PACKAGE (post marked after 4/12/18) \$150.00 _____.

NOTE: No refunds on registration after 4/12/18

PART-TIME REGISTRATION fee \$35.00 _____

Friday, April 27, 2018, Garden tour Arbor Gate Nursery- private cars; Lunch on your own.

Dinner & Design Program \$35.00 _____

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Luncheon/Program/Awards \$ 30.00 _____ "Petite Design" Workshop \$ 10.00 _____ Banquet & Program \$40.00 _____

TOTAL: _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: _____

TIMES AND EVENTS: Friday, Apr. 27, 2018

8am-6pm Registration 9:15am Trip to The Arbor Gate (by private cars, Lunch will be on your own)

1:45-2:45pm, Nominating Comm.; 3:00-5:00pm, Executive Board Meets; 7:00pm, Dinner and Design Program by Corrie Ten-Have

Saturday, April 28, 2018: 8am-4pm, Registration. Complimentary Breakfast for hotel guest; 9:30am, Official Opening of Convention; Noon, Luncheon and Director's Citations. 1:00-2pm, Program- "The Giving Field", by Sharon Begnard;

2:15-3:15pm, Awards Presentation. 3:30-4:30pm, Workshop "Petite Design"; 6:00pm, Reception for Regional Director & State Presidents; 7:00pm, Banquet and Program—The Katy Prairie Conservancy, by Jaime Gonzalez.

Mark Your Calendars

Arkansas Flower and Garden Show

March 2-4, 2018

State Fairgrounds
Little Rock, AR



Plan to get great ideas from the following speakers at the Flower Show... (repeating this message so that you can plan to attend).

Carol Mendel, "Don't Be a Garden Snob"

John Clark, "Blackberries for the Home Garden, An Excellent Choice!"

Allen Owings, "Home Landscape Problems and Solutions" and "New Flowers for Your Spring Landscape"

Patrick Byers, "Drought Tolerant Plants for Your Garden" and "Integrated Pest Management in the Vegetable Garden"

Jill Forrester, "Basic Back Yard Garden"

Janet Carson, "Easy Care Annuals and Perennials"

What's a Vertical Garden?

Vertical gardens -- think living walls -- are one of the hottest new garden trends and yet it's one of the oldest (have you ever grown a vine on a fence or trellis?). A vertical garden is a perfect solution for just about any garden -- indoors or out.

Vertical garden elements can draw attention to an area or disguise an unattractive view. In a vertical garden, use structures or columnar trees to create vertical gardening rooms or define hidden spaces ready for discovery. Trellises, attached to the ground or to large containers, allow you to grow vines, flowers, and vegetables in a vertical garden using much less space than traditional gardening requires.

Vertical gardening with upright structures can be a boon for apartment dwellers, small-space urban gardeners, and disabled gardeners as well as for gardeners with large, traditional spaces. (Information from Better Home & Gardening).

Check out websites and find a lot of ideas. You might create a vertical garden from a recycled ladder, and up-cycled dresser, crates, pallets, picture frames, trays, or stacked pots. The possibilities are endless.

January Gardening Tips

Hopefully many of you found under your Christmas tree some garden art and some magazines or books with landscaping ideas. Now you can cuddle up in that warm robe you also received and enjoy the cold days ahead. We don't even mind a snow day once in awhile this month as we think about those little birds and chipmunks that might be looking for a hand-out.

Removing the decorations from outdoors will not be too pleasant when the temps are below freezing. Maybe you were lucky enough to find gloves and heavy socks under your tree also. Get the hat, scarf, and wire cutters. Move quickly. Have hot chocolate ready to enjoy once indoors.

Don't forget that the AR Flower and Garden Show is near and you should be watching some of your plants that might be good entries in the Horticulture Division. Watch for workshops some of the clubs will be presenting that will help you make good selections and improve your plant grooming skills. Our show is March 2-4, at the AR Fairgrounds, so you may have a few more blooming specimens this year.

Provide some winter protection for your tender plants and plan to be a winner in the Flower Show!