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The Arkansas Gardener

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Corrections: President's

Packet Directory...

Burnie Ott, NW Dist. Dir.

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AFGC Ways and Means needs your help. Bring plants and interesting items to our convention in Hot Springs. AFGC note cards and license plates will also be available.

Don't forget to look at the NGC Member Services on the website, www.gardenclub.org. You will find jewelry, flower show ribbons, entry cards, books, etc. Great gifts and gardening tools for yourself and for

GREETINGS from Derenda Stanley

AFGC President ~ 2017-2019

"Plant America, Sow Arkansas"



Dear All,

It is only a few weeks away till spring is here. We have many events to attend and participate

in. The Arkansas Flower and Garden show is March 2-4 at the State Fairgrounds in L.R. April 2-3 is our AFGC Convention at the Arlington Resort Hotel in Hot Springs. I am so excited to announce that our National President, Nancy Hargroves, and our South Central Region Director, Isabel Olsen, will both be attending. So make plans to attend this and get to know these lovely ladies. Let's support our leaders and learn more about their projects.

Spring is a wonderful time to visit Hot Springs so do encourage your members to plan an overnight trip to this unique city. Don't forget, take some time to visit Garvan Gardens and tour the Bath House area.

Derenda

The AFGC *Avenues and Adventures* will not be prepared for distribution in February or June, 2018, due to the mailing of *The Arkansas Gardener*.

RIVER VALLEY SATURDAY SEMINARS: Free, 2 sessions per Saturday, 10am & 1pm, 21701 Lawson Rd., 821-4770. Registration required.

Feb. 3, Jane Gulley, "When to Nip, Snip, and Whack"

Feb. 10, Kristi Wright, "Hardscape: The Foundation of Landscape Planning"

Feb. 17, Scott Smith, "Japanese Maples 101"

Feb. 24, Tom Smith, "All About Encores & What's New from Southern Living"

NATIVE THINGS THAT FLUTTER IN THE GARDEN: A seminar sponsored by Master Gardeners of Pulaski County. Feb. 20, \$30 for morning session, lunch, and afternoon session, presented by Kitty Sanders of Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks. To be held at U of A Extension Building Auditorium in L.R. Contact Michele Wasson, Michele4950@att.net.

Did you have time during our cold winter days to think about plans for spring? Did you think about the Plant America Community Project Grants and how NGC promotes these?

Check out the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org, and learn more about things you might enjoy doing.

Get a head start and be prepared to "dig in" as soon as that ground is warm and inviting. Learn more at our convention from our NGC President, Nancy Hargroves.



Meet Our District Directors



Teresa Shannon, of Hughes Garden Club, enjoyed the NE District Meeting held at The Silos located in Bono. The "Hat Contest" brought out creative talents of the members and was enjoyed by all. The program, "Pumpkins Galore" was presented by Nancy Taylor Erwin. Tips for decorating pumpkins and gourds were helpful. There are six clubs in this district.



Burnie Ott, NW District Director, is a member of Garden Club of Rogers. She moved to NW AR from NW Nebraska at the age of 47. She had never planted a seed at that time, but was amazed at the diversity of flowers and blooming bushes in this state. Gardeners are always ready to share. Soon

Burnie became a gardener and was President of her garden club. Attending district and state meetings interested her and it offered an opportunity to learn. She appreciates the support of mentors and former officers.

Barbara Winchell, Pulaski District Director, is a former president of MacArthur Garden Club. She grew up in Texarkana and moved to L.R. when her husband was stationed at L.R. Air Force Base. Barbara is retired from Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.



Barbara has always enjoyed flowers. While attending junior and senior high school, Barbara's mom and sister had a flower shop in Texarkana. That influenced Barbara's life, also. For over 26 years Barbara has been an avid recreational and tournament tennis player.

Nell Freeman, pictured in the top right hand corner, is Southeast District Director and belongs to Highway Garden Club. There are six clubs in this district. Nell has served as Treasurer of AFGC. She has served three terms as SE Director. Nell loves being a part of the AFGC Flower Show and is an Accredited NGC Master Judge. This district is proud of Derenda Stanley, AFGC President, who is from the Hamburg Garden Club in the SE District.



Nell resides in Dumas with her husband, Frank. They have three daughters and one son. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Dumas. She is responsible for the floral designs in church each Sunday.

Teresa Thomas, pictured below, is SW District Director and Treasurer of Primrose Garden Club. This district is host-



ing our 2018 AFGC Convention at the Arlington Resort Hotel in Hot Springs, Apr. 2-3. Special guests will be NGC President Nancy Hargroves and SCR Director, Isabel Olsen. Teresa and her busy team are working diligently so that we'll all enjoy the convention.



Circle of Roses



Petit Jean Garden Club Presents Circle of Roses Membership



Mary Ellen Cheek seems to be a person who loves what she is doing no matter where she is doing it or how much work is involved in the project. She has been a devoted and dedicated member of the Petit Jean Garden Club for over 26 years. In the garden club circle she is called "Lady of the Manor".

This lady has a strong sense of civic duty and has worked diligently to bring employment and success to Morrilton.

Mary Ellen is a dedicated gardener who loves all types of flowers. Dragon Wing begonias thrive under her care and grow about 10 times their normal size under her care.

Mary Ellen is a renowned seamstress who had her own business and taught sewing as well. She is well traveled, loves family, friends, community and exotic foods. She says the Garden Club is a "Sisterhood" and has given her friends for life.

Welcome to the Circle of Roses of AFGC!



Roses and herbs

Here's a container garden that is inspired by a classic plant combination – roses and herbs.

From P. Allen Smith, this Knockout rose is planted with rosemary. They both like full sun, regular watering and good drainage. The rosemary trails over the sides of the container and makes a pretty evergreen accent for the brilliant colors of the rose.



SCR in Houston, April 27-28

Plan to attend the South Central Region Annual Convention, April 27-28 in Houston, TX. Betty Edwards, President of Texas Garden Clubs, is busy hosting this meeting along with much help from her members and Isabel Olsen, SCR Director.

Registration forms were in the January issue of "AFGC Avenues and Adventures". Club Presidents should have forwarded it to their members. All of you are invited. It would be a great visit weekend visit in TX this spring.

Some of our members are on the SCR Board of Directors and have voting privileges. Members of the SCR Board from AR are:

Nan Brown	Burnie Ott
Peggy Burns	Ronna Precure
Phyllis Byrum	Nancy Rana
Nell Freeman	Teresa Shannon
Liz Howell	Derenda Stanley
Keith Jones	Teresa Thomas
Nancy Keisman	Bobbie Verser
Rose Knight	Nancy Voyles
Jo Krallman	Barbara Winchell

Friday is tour day and all of us should enjoy a visit to The Arbor Gate. "Take an ordinary journey to an extraordinary place!"

YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

2018-2019:

"Pop Goes the Seed"



YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

2018-2019:

"The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply"

AFGC Convention Registration Information ~ April 2-3, 2018

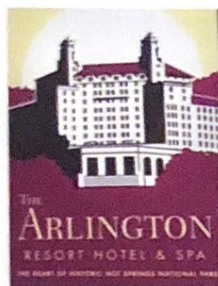
"Sowing Seeds of Beauty"

Hosted by Southwest District at the Arlington Resort Hotel
239 Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71901 ~ 501-623-7771

(Use code AFGC for convention rate - Single \$104+ tax; double \$114 + tax).

Registration info: Make checks to SW District & mail with registration form to
Rose Knight, 110 Maple Court, Arkadelphia, AR 71923. H) 870-210-5159 or C) 501-519-3505

No refunds after March 25th.



Registration fee:

(postmarked by 3/15) \$25.00 _____ (after 3/15) \$30.00 _____

Mon., 4/2, 11:00am-5pm, Registration

1-2pm, Finance Committee Meeting

1-5pm, Ways and Means

2-4pm, Executive Board Meeting

4pm, District Directors Meeting

5:30-6:30pm, Champagne Reception honoring NGC & State President, & SCR Director. \$ 5.00 _____

7pm, Judges Council Dinner & Program: (ALL INVITED) \$35.00 _____

Tues., 4/3, 7:30-9:00am, Registration. 7:30-9am, Breakfast

\$15.00 _____

7:30am-1pm, Ways and Means

9:00am, Business Meeting

12:30-2:30pm, Luncheon and Program

\$25.00 _____

2:30pm, Final comments and door prizes

TOTAL \$ _____

Your name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Garden Club: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Food Allergies: _____

CIRCLE CLASSIFICATIONS:

State: (Pres.) (Officer) (Chairman) (District Director) (Former State Pres.) (Flower Show Judge) (Circle of Roses) (Life Member)

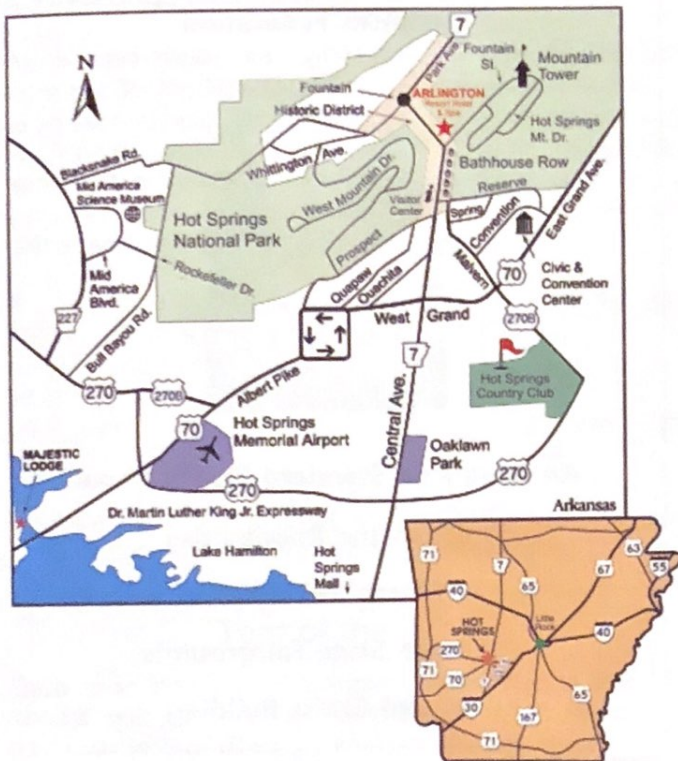
South Central Region: (Director) (Officer) (Chairman) (Life Member)

National Garden Clubs, Inc: (President) (Board Member) (Life Member)

Local Club: (President) (Member) (1st Timer) (Guest)

Council: (President)

DIRECTIONS: Arlington Resort Hotel, 239 Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR, 71901 —



From Little Rock: Driving west on I-30, take Exit 111. Proceed on Hwy. 70 West (about 40 minutes) into Hot Springs. At Central Avenue, turn right (north). The Arlington is located just past Bathhouse Row at 239 Central Avenue.

From Texarkana: Driving east on I-30, take Exit 78. Proceed on Hwy. 7 North (about 45 minutes) into Hot Springs. In the city, Hwy. 7 is also called Central Avenue. Continue north to 239 Central Avenue for The Arlington.

From West Memphis: Driving west on I-40, merge onto I-440 W/E Belt W via Exit 159. Merge onto I-30 W via the exit on the left toward Hot Springs. Take Exit 111 and proceed on Hwy. 70 West (about 40 minutes). At Central Avenue turn right (Hwy. 7 North). The Arlington is located at the end of Bathhouse Row at 239 Central Avenue.

Dear Garden Club Members,

Are you as excited about spring as Phyllis Byrum, Convention Chairman, and I are? We met last week at the historic Arlington Resort Hotel and Spa in beautiful, downtown Hot Springs National Park to continue our plans for our meeting on April 2-3, 2018.

We are thrilled to announce that the NGC President, Nancy Hargroves, and the SCR Director, Isabel Olsen, will be attending our meeting. Of course, we have to make it special! We will have a Victorian themed meeting with beautiful arrangements created by Phyllis Byrum and Jean Moser, AFGC Horticulture Chairman. We will have a Champagne Reception with a pianist for our enjoyment to honor these ladies, as well as, our AFGC President, Derenda Stanley.

We have two wonderful programs lined up and the menus sound scrumptious! Our speaker has a wonderful program on the history of gardening from England to the flower gardening of today. We will tour one of the historic bath-houses, and of course there are places for shopping galore.

There will be a silent auction to raise money for our Scholarship Fund.

Ways and Means, plants for sale, door prizes - YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS MEETING!!!
Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Teresa Thomas
SW District Director

Book of Remembrance

(Memorials are placed in AFGC Scholarship Fund)

Pat Haering by Joyce Weaver
by Whitfield Garden Club
by Norma Haralson
by Iris Garden Club

*Let us remember always those who have had
great influence on our lives.*

(Please send information regarding family contact so that they may be notified of your thoughtful gift).

Contact Information for Club Presidents Should be Sent to AFGC Office by April 1.

Why is this necessary?

National Garden Clubs, Inc. likes to keep in touch with club presidents in every state. *The National Gardener* is sent to each of you free of charge. But it will never reach you and you will not be well informed if the AFGC Office does not forward that information to HQ in a timely manner. The same is true of presidents receiving the digital issues of "Keeping In Touch".

When AFGC receives needed information after the due dates set by National, it is difficult to determine when things might get updated. There are many other projects, conventions, publications that they work on and updating lists can be a monumental job. Help solve the problem...send information requested by AFGC in a timely manner.

DONATIONS

In Honor of Phyllis Byrum by her family to AFGC Blue Star Memorial Fund.

In Honor of Burnie Ott by North-west District to AFGC Scholarship Fund.

In Honor of Bobbie Verser by MacArthur Garden Club to Heifer International.

AFGC Life Membership was presented to **Brenda Young** by Dardanelle Garden Club.

(Donations may be made by clubs or individuals at any time. Please include family contact information).



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An Advanced Standard Flower Show

"Explore the Possibilities"

March 2-4, 2018

Arkansas State Fairgrounds

Arts and Crafts Building



Flower Show Gardening

Plan to get great ideas from the following speakers. All of the presentations below will be at the Farm & Ranch Building.

Fri., 9:30am, John Clark, "Blackberries for the Home Garden, An Excellent Choice!"

Fri., 11am, Patrick Byers, "Drought Tolerant Plants for Your Garden"

Fri., 12:30pm, Allen Owings, "Home Landscape Problems and Solutions"

Fri., 1:45pm, Carol Mendel, "Don't Be a Garden Snob"

Sat., 10am, Patrick Byers, "Integrated Pest Management in the Vegetable Garden"

Sat., 11:15, Allen Owings, "New Flowers for Your Spring Landscape"

Sat., 12:30pm, Jill Forrester, "Basic Back Yard Garden"

Sat., 1:45pm, Janet Carson, "Easy Care Annuals and Perennials"

Children's Hands-on Gardening Workshops are Sat., noon-3:30pm at the Farm & Ranch Building. Sessions are 30 minutes and will repeat every hour with last session at 3pm.

Big change! There will be no name badges this year. Volunteers will receive tickets in the mail. No ticket? Purchase one at door.

Planning Ahead

As we have mentioned before it is very important for our District Directors to keep up with dates for Conventions and for the Mid-Year Board meetings even if it will fall after a particular term of office. Often dates have to be set and hotel reservations made and confirmed prior to the new director's actual installation. So let's pay attention to upcoming meetings and see if any of the directors need to be visiting with upcoming AFGC Presidents. Often committees are making meeting plans for a year or two prior to their actual scheduled meeting. Let's look at the upcoming dates and see if Directors and chairmen might need to be putting their heads together and visiting with possible speakers.

	<u>Convention</u>	<u>Mid-Year Board Meeting</u>
2018	SW (Hot Springs, Apr. 2-3)	NW
2019	Pulaski	SE
2020	NE (& SCR)	SW
2021	NW	Pulaski
2022	SE	NE

Near the close of the Convention in Hot Springs, NW will extend an invitation to the Mid-Year Board meeting to be held in Aug. of 2018, and Pulaski will extend an invitation to the Convention to be held in 2019.

Year of the ...

Each year the National Garden Bureau selects one annual, one perennial, one bulb crop and one edible as "The Year of The ...". Each is chosen because they are popular, easy-to-grow, widely adaptable, genetically diverse, and versatile.



2018, Annual:

Year of the Calibrachoa

Million Bells



2018 Perennial:

Year of the Coreopsis



2018 Bulb:

Year of the Tulip



2018 Edible:

Year of the Beet

Calendar of Events

Feb. 10, *Hikes, Hearts, and Hugs Weekend*, 2018, Petit Jean State Park, Mather Lodge. A romantic weekend with activities such as guided trail hikes geared toward couples. Admission free unless noted. Call 501-727-5441 or email petit-jean@arkansas.com.

Feb. 22, *Bonsai for Beginners*, Garvan Woodland Gardens. Each participant leaves with a potted bonsai-style tree. Reservations required. 10am-noon. \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members. 800-366-4664.

Mar. 9-10, *Daffodil Festival* in Camden. Tours of gardens and homes.

Mar. 10, *Bluebird Day*, Mammoth Spring State Park Pavilion. Learn about bluebirds and build a bluebird box. Reservations required. 870-625-7364 by 3/4 to reserve kit. Bring hammer. 10am-noon. Free.

Mar. 10, *Artifact and Fossil ID Day*, Parkin Archeological State Park Visitor Center. Bring your artifact collection, fossils, and minerals for identification. Free, 1-4pm. 870-755-2500.

Mar. 16-18, *50th Annual Jonquil Festival*, Historic Washington State Park. Thousands of jonquils welcome visitors. Unique crafts and delicious foods also available. Tours available at regular price. Call 870-983-2684. Open 9am-5pm.



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2018

- Mar. 2-4 Arkansas Flower and Garden Show, Fairgrounds
- April 1, Send to AFGC Office president's name and contact information for 2018-2019
Report the weight of your pop tabs to Norma Haralson on or before this date.
- Apr. 2-3, AFGC Convention, Hot Springs, Arlington Hotel
Deliver your pop tabs to Norma Haralson during the convention
- Apr. 27-28, SCR Convention, Houston, TX
- May 1, Deadline for *AR Gardener* submissions to office
- May 21-24, NGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA
- June 3-9, National Garden Week
- July 1, Membership dues deadline for 2018-2019
- Aug. 6-7, Mid-Year Board Meeting at First United Methodist Church in Conway

REMINDERS:

- Address corrections for *The Arkansas Gardener* should be sent to AFGC Office.
- Send dues to AFGC Office by July 1.
 1. Mail checks to AFGC Office
705 Stagecoach Village Circle
Little Rock., AR 72210
 2. Dues are \$6.00 per member for 2018.
 3. Indicate NEW members.
 4. Indicate names of members to be deleted.
 5. We need 9 digit zip code for each member. This is necessary for our bulk mailing.
- Watch for information concerning the Mid-Year Board Meeting in your monthly newsletters and in ~~the~~ June 2018 issue of *The Arkansas Gardener*. Club Presidents, please forward the newsletters each month to your members.