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## Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



# The Arkansas Gardener

August 1, 2020

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#### **AFGC website:**

[arkansasfgc.net](http://arkansasfgc.net)

#### **SCR website:**

[scrgardenclubs.org](http://scrgardenclubs.org)  
(password) GROW!

#### **NGC website:**

[gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org)  
User name, member  
Password, conserve  
NGC Member Services  
1-800-550-6007  
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[www.uaex.edu](http://www.uaex.edu)

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Little Rock, AR, 72210**

501-455-2488

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[bobbieverser@att.net](mailto:bobbieverser@att.net)

**Club Presidents:** Please continue to forward the newsletter, *AFGC Avenues and Adventures*, to your members. You may assign that task to a club member if you like.

**All members:** The summer issue of *The National Gardener* is online. (No charge). Go to NGC website, [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org). Login as member, password, conserve. Click on TNG. No subscriptions will be accepted by NGC.

### **GREETINGS from Nancy Rana AFGC President ~ 2019-2021 "DIG, PLANT, GROW"**



Greetings to all!

Did you know that August is the perfect time to divide perennial plants such as hostas, daylilies, lilies, bearded iris, and ornamental grasses? It is a good time to repot houseplants into larger pots which will allow them to acclimate to their new containers before cool weather arrives in the fall. Are your annual flowers fading? Try replacing them with plants for fall color. It is also a great time to wage war on weeds!

I recently read that friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you always know they are there. During the last few months, we have missed the opportunity to see our gardening friends. We have missed sharing tips and learning about new designs and plants. We have missed the smiles, hugs, and laughter, but we know our friends are still there. I hope that you are staying in touch with other garden club members. I challenge each of you to call at least one member each week just to say hello and check on how they are doing. We do not know how long we will be in this situation, but we need to stay active as an organization.

There is some business that must be addressed since we missed both the Convention and Mid-Year Board Meetings. The recommendations of the Executive Committee and a ballot for voting may be found in this publication. Club Presidents may collect the completed ballots and either mail them to me or e-mail the total number of votes "for" and "against". Ballots may be mailed to me from individual club members. My contact info follows: E-mail: [Nancygmrana@gmail.com](mailto:Nancygmrana@gmail.com).

Nancy Rana, 350 Plantation Dr. East, Heber Springs, AR 72543

For many clubs, monthly meetings have been postponed until January. Bobbie Verser has researched and prepared a list of possible virtual programs that can be viewed by members individually or used by clubs for meetings. These are listed in this issue of *The Arkansas Gardener*. A big thank you to Bobbie!

Congratulations to all the award winners! A special thank you to Ronna Precure, AFGC Awards Chairman, for all her hard work.

Stay positive! Stay healthy! Stay cool!

Fondly,

*Nancy Rana*



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educational tools, and gift  
ideas for garden club mem-  
bers, projects and events.

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## PLANNING TIPS FOR 2020-2021 WITH COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN OUR MIDST

Many of our clubs have Planning Committee meetings in August. We know that you have many questions about what will be expected of you and the possible meetings you'd like to have during the upcoming year. We continue to struggle with the COVID-19 virus. We are still wearing masks and following the social distancing rules. We are still concerned about the possibility of having or spreading this disease. We are cautious about who enters our homes. We are concerned about the places we are entering.

What does AFGC expect of garden clubs and members this year?

First of all we will ask that all clubs follow the guidelines set forth by our Governor. Wearing masks, social distancing, and washing hands often is strongly suggested and in some cases mandated. Meetings with small groups, 10 and under, may take place but only if you and your members are comfortable with that idea. Meeting outdoors may be suggested.

Please do not worry about our by-laws that require a certain number of in person meetings. Meeting online will be acceptable. Some clubs may Zoom, while others may all tune in to a certain YouTube for a video lesson. Several will be listed below as suggestions. Some clubs may choose to select their own videos or method of sharing for the pleasure of their members. You know the interest and needs of your members.

Club Presidents will continue to get a digital copy of *AFGC Avenues and Adventures* each month, exceptions June and February. Please forward to your members or ask a member to do that for you. It is very important that we stay connected. Enjoy *The National Gardener* and *Keeping in Touch* on the NGC website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org). These will keep you updated. Check out the South Central website for *The Communicator*, [www.scrgardenclubs.org](http://www.scrgardenclubs.org).

Club Presidents and AFGC Officers and Chairmen will find updates in this issue of *The Arkansas Gardener*. Some updates and forms will be e-mailed to you. Please make copies of these things and insert them in your binder.

Suggestions for possible monthly topics are listed below. Just remind your members to **google each title** when needed. If you'd like, eliminate some of these and select others your members might enjoy.

September: YouTube. "Miniature Garden Under Glass", Katherine Newman, 18:56 minutes

October: YouTube. "New Succulents + Plant Room Tour", Laura with Garden Answers, 17:26 minutes

November: YouTube. "10 Garden Home Holiday Projects and Tips", P. Allen Smith, 22:53 minutes

December: YouTube. "How to Decorate a Lantern for Christmas (4 quick and easy ideas)". Ramon at HOME, 36:49 minutes. If interested, watch "How to Make a Funky Bow", Ramon at Home, 12:18 minutes.

January: YouTube. "Houseplant Haul: New Plants for a New Year", Laura with Garden Answer, 21:29 minutes

February: You Tube. "Creating Garden Art/Garden Home", P. Allen Smith, 24:13 minutes

March: YouTube. "DIY Water Fountain", Ray, Horticulture Geek, 29:25 minutes

April: YouTube. "Heat Loving Perennials/Garden Tour", Garden Style, 28:34 minutes

May: You Tube. "How to Grow Roses from Cuttings, Fast and Easy", Mike Kincaid, 28:23 minutes

REMINDER: Chris Norwood, of Tipton Hurst, has a 2:30pm design tutorial each week day on his Facebook page. Join him LIVE or catch it at a time that is better for you. His "happy" each day can be habit forming.

We hope that your Planning Committee will be creative and plan some things that will keep your members connected. You are welcome to use the suggestions above. Stay in touch with your friends and continue to pray that the problems we are having will make us stronger in our faith and in our desire to show kindness to others.

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## CHANGES AND REMINDERS

All Districts have canceled their meetings scheduled for the fall of 2020. Directors will be in touch with club presidents if there are any items to be voted on.

AFGC Convention, 2021, hosted by NW District  
2022, hosted by SE District

AFGC Mid-Year Bd. meeting, 2021 hosted by Pulaski District  
2022, hosted by NE District

New titles for 2020 poetry and essay contests are in the packet you received in 2019.

The bird poster contest for 2020, is the Male Downy Woodpecker - *Picoides pubescens*

National Garden Week will be celebrated June 6-12, 2021.

NGC is no longer accepting donations for NATURAL DISASTERS. Make a note of this in the "project" section of your current packet. They are accepting donations for NGC Plant America project.

NGC is no longer accepting subscriptions for *The National Gardener*.

Some forms and information will be e-mailed to club Presidents and AFGC Chairmen. Please print out the four listed below and place in your binder:

AFGC Directory

Club President's Annual Report to District Directors

Form to list club membership (2021-22)

Dates to Remember, 2021

The following garden clubs notified AFGC of discontinuing their membership.

Dissolutions were accepted with regret:

Hampton GC, SE    Hoe and Hope GC, NW    Pleasant Valley GC and This or That GC, Pul.

Norma Haralson, AFGC Recycling Chairman, hopes to accept the two year collection of pop tabs by April 1, 2021. So just keep adding to your collection and she is hopeful the results will be fantastic next spring.

Continue to gather items for our Way and Means sales table. Garden art, plants, and designer's tools and containers always attract our buyers. We'll have a big sale hopefully next spring.

## THESE HOUSEPLANTS SURVIVE EVEN IN THE DARKEST CORNERS



*Leedy Interiors, Interior Design*

Peacock plant (Calathea)

Dumb Cane (Dieffenbachia)

Dragon Tree (Dracaena Marginata)

Spider Plant (Chlorophytum Comosum)

Heart-Leaf Philodendron (Philodendron scandens)

Bromeliads

Peace Lily (Spathiphyllum)

Chinese Evergreen (Aglaonema)

Snake plant (Sansevieria Trefasciata)

Cast-iron plant (Aspidistra Elatior)

## *A Message from AFGC Awards Chairman...*

Hello fellow gardeners! As all conventions were canceled this year for AFGC, SCR and NGC, we did not get our regular sweet time with each other, learning of everyone's projects, and being able to celebrate our accomplishments with award presentations. However, don't think for a minute that we will skip it all together! I've returned award certificates and monies, and this year because there was more time, SCR and NGC have returned applications and score sheets when possible. This can be a great tool for learning how we might strengthen our application preparations to better fit the NGC Scale of Points, which governs what type of award we might win. All projects are great in some way, whether large or small, and they benefit so many. I think we all deserve a First Place every time...but that is not the way the real world works and unfortunately competition can be tough. This makes it all the more exciting when our projects get the most recognition and we score an award!

We are gathering pictures of clubs opening/accepting their awards and we are working toward posting pictures of our projects and awards on our website [www.arkansasfgc.net](http://www.arkansasfgc.net).

Our new webmaster, Nancy McGraw, daughter to Nell Freeman and our convention vendor with the wonderful pearl jewelry, will soon post the 2020 Award Listings on our website, most of which is identical to this season. Although the website is still a work in progress, she's done a great job so far. It's easy on the eyes, very user friendly and informative. Check the site out and watch for pictures of this award season and all the scoop for next year!

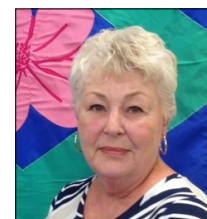
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. [sanfords@arkansas.net](mailto:sanfords@arkansas.net) or 479-644-9673.

*Ronna Precure*

### **2019 ARKANSAS FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC. ADULT AWARD WINNERS**

AFGC Youth Awards were printed in the May issue of our newsletter, *AFGC Avenues and Adventures*, and returned to sponsoring clubs.

Bella Vista Garden Club	16-B Standard Show Sponsor	1st	\$25	Holiday Island GC	6 Garden Therapy	2nd	
	16-C Flower Show Staging	1st	\$25		8 Membership Increase	1st	\$25
	16-D Flower Show Schedule	1st	\$25		10-1 Yearbook	1st	\$25
	10-6 Yearbook	2nd			13 Arbor Day	1st	\$25
					14 Sm. Garden Club Membership	1st	\$25
Bentonville GC	13 Arbor Day	2nd		Hughes Town & Country	16-D Flower Show Schedule	2nd	
Conway Garden Club	20 Heritage Award	1st	\$25	Mint Juleps GC	10-2. Yearbook	2nd	
	4 Special Achievement	2nd		Petit Jean GC	8 Membership Increase	3rd	
Dardanelle GC	10-1 Yearbook	2nd		Village Pines GC	10-6 Yearbook	1st	\$25
Floralia Arranger's Guild	17-A Floral Design	1st	\$25		1 Civic Achievement	2nd	
Garden Club of Rogers	1 Civic Achievement	1st	\$25		9 National Garden Week	2nd	
	2-A Community Gardens-New	1st	\$25		3 Civic Beautification	3rd	
	3 Civic Beautification-Cont.	1st	\$25	Karen Welch	15 Turtle Award	1st	\$25
	6 Garden Therapy	1st	\$25	Eric Esche	21 Bravo Award	1st	\$25
	7 Conservation Concerns	1st		AFGC Scholarship	Thomas McKeown		\$2,000
	8 Membership Increase	2nd	\$25	Presidential Citations: AFGC Flower Show Leadership:			
	9 National Garden Week	1st		Teresa Shannon and Terri Waterman			
	10-4 Yearbook	1st	\$25	AFGC By-Law Revision: Terri Waterman			
	11-A Junior Gardeners-Yr. Long	1st	\$25	AFGC #22, Individual Service Awards:			
	13 Arbor Day	3rd					
	14 Lg. GC Membership	1st	\$25				
	18 Litter Bug Beware	1st	\$25				
	19 Pollinators	1st	\$25				
	28-A Pres. Project: Yr. Long	1st	\$75				
	28-B Pres. Project: Single	1st	\$25				
Greenkeepers GC	4 Special Achievement	1st	\$25				
	3 Civic Beautification	2nd					
	10-2 Yearbook	3rd					
Grow & Show GC	20 Heritage	2nd					
Harrisburg Garden Club	10-2 Yearbook	1st	\$25				
	14 Sm. GC Membership	2nd					
	20 Heritage	3rd					



Pictured, top row, left to right;  
 Barb Templin, NW District  
 Brenda Gray, NE District  
 Barbara Winchell, Pulaski District  
 Pictured on left; Rose Knight, SW District  
 (No nomination from SE District).



## 2019 SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AWARD WINNERS FROM AR

The 2019 SCR Awards Book is available in electronic form upon request from the AFGC Awards Chairman.

AFGC	14-1B Brochure	1st	\$25
Bella Vista GC	7-B Flower Show Schedule	1st	\$25
Bentonville GC	1 Arbor Day	3rd	
Floralia Arrangers	12 Floral Design Program	2nd	
G.C. of Rogers	14-7A Brochure	1st	\$25
	16-4 Yearbook	1st	
	3 Club Program	2nd	
	5 National Garden Week	2nd	
	15 Container Gardening	2nd	
	4 Yearbook Theme	3rd	
	2 Civic Development	HM	
	6 Community Concern	HM	
Greenkeepers	2 Civic Development	1st	\$25
Harrisburg GC	16-2 Yearbook	1st	
	Sweepstakes Award (Adult + Youth)		\$25
Holiday Island	1 Arbor Day	2nd	
	6 Community Concern	HM	
Hughes T&C	7A Flower Show Schedule	2nd	
Village Pines GC	16-6 Yearbook	2nd	
	2 Civic Development	HM	

## 2019 NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB ADULT AWARD WINNERS FROM AR

NGC awards are broken into 5 size categories indicated as i, ii, iii, etc. They award one Overall Winner, the best of all size categories, which receives a Certificate of Merit or First Place Certificate. They award a 1st Place in each size category, a Runner Up. This 1st Place receives a Certificate of Commendation. All other entries receive a Certificate of Appreciation. Each club with entries received an NGC Award Book.

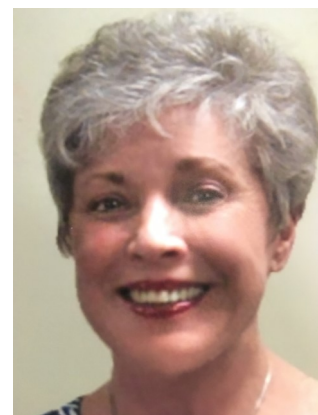
AFGC	#FS-16A Flower Show Achievement	1st place
	#PUB 1-2 Newsletter	1st place
	#PUB 2-5 Membership Brochure	1st place
Bella Vista	#HP-1 Preservation of Beauty	runner-up
	#FS-1C Club Standard Flower Show	1st
Floralia Arrang.	#FD-2 Floral Design Program	1st, \$100
	"Ozark Autumn Memories"	
G. C. of Rogers	#CS-1 Community Gardens	runner-up
	#G-1 Container Gardening	runner-up
	#L-4 Community Landscape	runner-up
	#MP-2 National Garden Week	runner-up
	#NPW-2 Civic Proj./Native Plants	runner-up
	#YB-4 Yearbook (45-69 members)	runner-up
	#Y-2 Horticulture Achievement	1st, \$100
	#Y-4 Youth Environ, Concern	runner-up
Greenkeepers	#CB-2 Community Beautification	runner-up
Harrisburg G.C.	#YB-2 Yearbook (20-29 members)	runner-up
Holiday Island	#MP-1 Membership Activities	runner-up
Star City G. Lovers	NGC Plant America Grant	\$1,000
Scholarship	NGC Thomas McKeown	\$4,000



## Circle of Roses

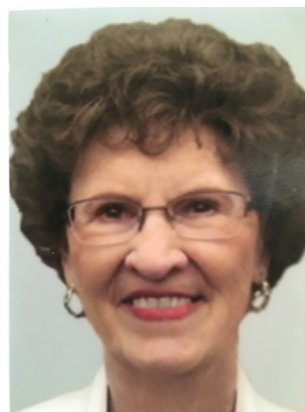


*Geri Hoerner*



*Lazette Cox*

*Dolores DeBiak*



AFGC welcomes three Bella Vista Garden Club members to the Circle of Roses. Each of them joined their club twenty-five years ago. They all agree that learning about landscaping and designing draws them to the monthly meetings and contributes to their desire to hold offices and chairmanships in their club. They enjoy the many projects, tours, and workshops in this active club.



Ernestine Taunton joined Camden Garden Club twenty-five years ago. She enjoys growing plants and arranging flowers. She has a natural talent when it comes to growing and designing. Through the garden club she has had an opportunity to know women who love to share unusual plants. Her club thanks her for her marvelous support that helps to keep them moving forward in a positive way.

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Joann Hopper, AFGC Circle of Roses Chairman, invites you to honor a friend who has been a garden club member for 25 years or more. Complete the application in the President's Packet.



## Book of Remembrance

(Memorials are placed in AFGC Scholarship Fund)

**Lou Burgess** by Iris G.C.  
**Bob Schappek** by Hot Springs Council of G.C.  
Men's Village G.C.  
**Jack Staller** by Men's Village G.C.

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

(Please send information regarding family contact so that

## Life Memberships

**AFGC Life Membership was presented to:**

**Sheila Woodson** by Pam Davis  
**Laura Sholes** by GLRCCG

**NGC Life Membership was presented to:**

**Nancy Rana** by Nancy Voyles

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

## Donations to Non-Profits

Garvan Gardens	\$220
Habitat for Humanity	\$285
Heifer International	\$305
NGC Plant America	\$195
Nature Conservancy	\$265



Ames Tools, a partner of National Garden Clubs, awarded a grant to Lake and Plantation Garden Club. Twenty-six garden clubs were recognized and received grants. Over 100 applications across the nation were received. These tools will be used to beautify communities.

Congratulations, Lake and Plantation members for submitting such an impressive plan. Best of luck with your project.

## AFGC PROPOSED BUDGET, 2020-2021

### REVENUE:

Dues	\$ 7,800.00
Endowment Fund interest	4,700.00
Cookbook Fund interest	1,450.00
Scholarship Fund interest	120.00
Contributions to Scholarship Fund	2,000.00
Contributions to non-profits	1,000.00
Contributions to Awards	1,220.00
Contributions to AFGC Flower Show	1,000.00
Life Members	260.00
Note Cards	400.00
Surplus from meetings	600.00
Ways & Means	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL Revenue</b>	<b>\$22,550.00</b>

### EXPENSES:

NGC dues	\$ 1,300.00
SCR dues	100.00
Jr. Gardeners dues	10.00
Storage Unit	1,716.00
President's expenses	2,500.00
Salaried employee	7,200.00
Insurance	400.00
AFGC Flower Show	1,000.00
Accountants	150.00
Postage Permit	220.00
Postage	125.00
Copy Services	50.00
Office Supplies	200.00
NGC Award Sponsorships	
#Y-6 and #YR-3	150.00
Donations to non-profits	1,000.00
Scholarship	2,000.00
Youth Contests	520.00
Adult Awards	700.00
<i>The Arkansas Gardener</i>	
Printing (2 issues)	2,200.00
Mailing (2 issues)	400.00
Website	470.00
Quick books	139.00
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>	<b>\$22,550.00</b>

## Slate of AFGC Officers for 2021-2023

Submitted by Rose Knight  
AFGC Personnel Chairman

First Vice-President, Pam Ellis, NE District  
Second Vice-President, Glenda Tolson, SE District  
Secretary, Ann York, NW District  
Treasurer, Deborah Williams, NW District  
Historian, Barbara Winchell, Pulaski District  
Terri Waterman, President-Elect, SW District

*The slate will be voted on in April of 2021,  
with the exception of Terri Waterman.*

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## **AFGC Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, July 27, 2020**

The AFGC Executive Committee met via Zoom, July 27, 2020, with 14 in attendance. Several motions were approved and the recommendations will be voted on by the AFGC Board of Directors through this publication. Please take time to read over the following. Club Presidents will gather the completed ballots of their members and either mail directly to Pres. Nancy Rana, or e-mail totals to her. Individuals may mail directly to Nancy Rana, if they prefer. Contact information is on page 1.

### **BALLOT FOR VOTING**

- Motion #1 - Blue Star Memorial Grant to Dardanelle Garden Club for \$400.      ☐ For    ☐ Against
- Motion #2 - Adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget      ☐ For    ☐ Against
- Motion #3 - Award a \$2,000 Scholarship to Thomas McKeown      ☐ For    ☐ Against
- Motion #4 - Approval of Terri Waterman to serve as President-Elect      ☐ For    ☐ Against
- Motion #5 - Approve changes to By-laws as submitted below (see below)      ☐ For    ☐ Against

Pros: Changes are needed to update existing manual to reflect current policies and processes as well as correct general typographical/spelling errors. New AFGC Manuals will need to be prepared for all Executive Committee members, club Presidents, and AFGC Chairmen.

Cons: Due to the amount and variety of changes new AFGC Garden Club Manuals will need to be produced, printed and distributed to all Executive Committee members, Club Presidents, and AFGC Chairmen. There will be costs associated when new AFGC Manuals are produced, i.e., printing, binders, mailings.

- Motion #6 - Approve funding up to \$1,000 for new manuals (see below)      ☐ For    ☐ Against

Background: Proposed changes are needed to update existing manual to reflect current policies and processes as well as correct general typographical/spelling errors. A new AFGC Manual needs to be prepared and distributed to reflect these changes. This will include costs outside of budget line items. Initial research shows that depending on sources (all costs are estimated): Printing costs of 100 manuals would be \$500 or less. (Using double sided 3 hole punched, black and white print with card stock for the cover page and a spine).

Best options would be to print on 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper, and put into 1/2 inch 3 ring, white binders (\$1.37 each), making it around \$150. At this point the cost of distribution is not certain. Due to the cancellation of District meetings, mailing may be necessary. So the proposed amount would allow extra funds for mailing, tax, copy services, and miscellaneous charges.

Pros: The procedural and updated changes are necessary as AFGC officers, committee chairmen and club presidents need to have accurate information on hand. An electronic copy should be on our website for all members to access, as well as a group email providing a PDF copy.

Cons: There will be costs associated when new manuals are produced (printing, binders, mailing, etc.).

**Please take time to read the above recommendations from the Executive Committee. It is important that you respond to your club president or to AFGC President, Nancy Rana, by August 15th. E-mail will be the fastest way to update Nancy with your voting results.**

***Deadline to respond is August 15, 2020***



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### 2021

TBD AFGC Flower Show

Mar. 15-17, Flower Show School Course I, L.R.

Apr. 1, Club President's name and contact info due at  
AFGC Office

Apr. 1, Dues for members, \$6 per member, due at  
AFGC Office.

Apr. 1, Notify Norma Haralson of your collection of  
pop tabs

Apr. 8-9 (tentative), AFGC Convention, Conway

Apr. 19-21, SCR Convention, Las Cruces, NM,  
El Encanto Hotel

May 17-20, NGC Convention, East Rutherford, NJ

June 6-12, National Garden Week

Sept. \_\_\_\_, NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO



Will you plant a tree this year?  
Plant America with Trees:

Each ONE Plant ONE encourages mem-  
bers in communities to plant at least one  
native tree and provide maintenance.

### REMINDERS:

- Address corrections for *The Arkansas Gardener* should be sent to AFGC Office.
- Send dues to AFGC Office by April 1.
  1. Mail checks to AFGC Office  
705 Stagecoach Village Circle  
Little Rock, AR 72210
  2. Dues are **\$6.00** per member for 2020-21.
  3. Indicate NEW members.
  4. Indicate names of members to be  
deleted. Note change of addresses.
  5. 9 digit zip code needed for each member.  
This is necessary for our bulk mailing.
- Announcement of AFGC, SCR, and NGC  
award winners are in this issue.
- Club Presidents, please forward the newslet-  
ters, *AFGC Avenues and Adventures*, each  
month to your members.