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# GARDEN CLUB GAB

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Garden club members

My term as President of the GCR is coming to a close, just 3 more meetings and we will be meeting our new slate of officers.. I must say they are a great group of Gals.

As I look back on the past almost 4 years, I can say I have thoroughly enjoyed it. Working with all the ladies and guys that make up our Club. 2020 has been a challenge, but we were able to complete some of our projects. Some meetings had low attendance, and some were canceled completely. Our annual Christmas fundraiser was canceled, due to the COVID virus.( we hope to do something this Summer to make up for it.) This is one of our big fundraisers for the year, so money may be tight this coming year. We didn't have a regular Plant Sale last year, but Sherrie managed to pull off a \$1,000 plant sale. (This is our biggest fundraiser). We will have a regular Plant Sale this year at the Presbyterian Church parking lot. We are looking for volunteers to help dig and pot.

Things are starting to loosen up on virus mandates, hopefully by April they will lift the mask mandate and we will be able to get back to some sort of normalcy . I am hoping for a larger group at our April 6, meeting. That is the month that we need to renew our membership.

With so many getting the vaccine maybe we will feel safer. It has been a challenge holding the club together this past year but totally worth it, I am looking forward to Garden Tours, Garden of the Month and many other activities that have been suspended. I have been called stubborn for continuing to hold meetings, and sometimes worse. But I have broad shoulders.

We have had several sick, or with surgeries recently, lets keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

I have had a very good crew to work with during my four years presidency, I won't name them for fear of leaving someone out. You know who you are. I Have a great Board, and have lost very few that needed to be replaced. I appreciate the ones that stepped up to fill the positions. They have done a wonderful job. It speaks well of the Club, having people willing to step in and take up the slack. Thanks to everyone who has done this for me. Love you all.

Let's make GCR great again. See you all in April.

President of GCR  
Marjorie Leonard

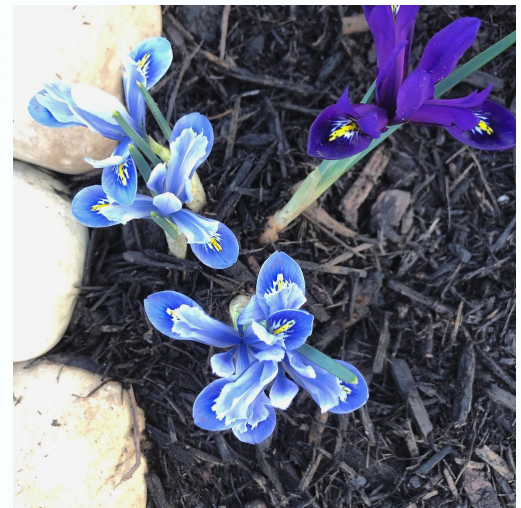


# Spring Garden Projects

Here we are in Spring, at last! Over the past couple months we've seen warm temperatures and sunny days which has sparked the planting passion for many (myself included). We look outside and are chomping at the bit to put something new and beautiful into the ground! There's only one problem... Mother Nature and her late Spring freezes. So while all of us patient plant people wait for the freezes to pass.. Try your hand at some Spring projects you can complete RIGHT NOW..



Our President, Marge Leonard, created a whimsical gnome and fairy garden this Spring. She used tree stumps, branches, rocks, moss, and cute little figurines to make this garden simply magical!



Here is a garden project I completed about a month ago. Everyone told me to WAIT WAIT WAIT before planting anything... But I just had to do something. I took my chances with some \$1.00 annuals from Walmart and started my mailbox display! This was a pretty easy and inexpensive project.. And it gave my front yard just the facelift it needed. None of these flowers will last too long, so my plan afterwards is to make it a cactus display!

I traced out the shape I wanted and aerated the dirt to get it loosened up. I pulled all the weeds, planted the flowers, lined the area with River Rock, then finished off with mulch. I can't wait to do more in other areas of the yard! -Kelly English



# Chairman Announcements

**Youth Gardening** - As a committee we have been busy, "presenting" programs to the Pre-K students at the Rogers Pre-K Center. Feb. the program was about starting seeds Each student had a kit that contained 2 plastic cups, one was colored, one clear, potting soil and sugar snap pea seeds. The video showed the students how to plant the seeds and using the cups make a "greenhouse". There was also a display of different seeds for the students to look at. March's program was on planting a container pollinator garden. Each classroom received a 16" container, soil and seeds for a bee friendly garden. There were story boards that showed the different flowers in the seed packets and a variety of pollinators. This is a great lesson teaching about the different pollinators. A video of each of the projects is provided to the teachers at the center. Jeanie Cozins' daughter Jenn films and edits the videos of Sherrie demonstrating the project. A million thanks to Jenn! -*Sherrie Eoff, Youth Gardening Chair*

**Plant Sale** - May 1st, 8am-noon, Rain or Shine! We need your help in pulling off our annual plant sale. Please contact Sherrie if you can help in anyway. We are looking for plant donations from members and friends. We need worker bees for potting sessions, this includes potters and labelers. Potting sessions are set up as needed. We will need help the day of set up (April 30); movers, set up and pricing. And the day of the sale, May 1st, we will need "sellers", "bouncers", loaders, cashiers, and clean up. There is a job for everyone. We will not be having a bake sale this year. We will practice social distancing and will wear masks. Potting sessions are set up as needed. 479-903-5389 or skeoff@hotmail.com -*Sherrie Eoff, Plant Sale Chair*

**Scholarship** - GCR awarded one \$1500 scholarship to University of Arkansas Sophomore student Jonathan Brye. Jonathan will use the GCR scholarship for his Junior year. Jonathan is enrolled in the Crop, Soil and Environmental Science department at the U of A. He is working on a major in Environmental Soil and Water Science and plans to go on to receive a Phd. With a Phd, Jonathan would like to teach and conduct research at a university. He has a 4.0 GPA. He is a freshman in the sense that this is the first year he is taking classes on the U of A campus. During high school, Jonathan took multiple NWACC Advanced Placement and U of A agriculture education courses that accumulated into 33 credit hours. He will be able to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in 3 years from the University of Arkansas.

-*Sherrie Eoff,*  
*Scholarship Chair*





# Chairman Announcements Cont..

**Civic Beautification** - A hearty thank you to Susan Esche, Marge Leonard, Marjorie Nelson, Phyliss Stair, Beth Walker, Brenda Townzen, Toni Morrison, Jeanie Cozens, Diane Blas & Liz Smith for helping on March 23rd with our Civic Beautification projects. Some brought violets, some came for the lunch & fellowship, some picked up litter @ Cambridge Park & some weeded & planted violets @ Tower Park. All of it was appreciated. Thanks, Marjorie Nelson for the violets. Liz Smith will be the new beautification chairperson after June so I sincerely hope all will come help her as well as you've helped me. We worked some, played some & got to know each other a little bit more.

If you ever need a cold, windy & somewhat wet day just let me know, I'll schedule a work day for that day. I seem to have a knack for picking those days.

I appreciate every one of you - Carol McCutcheon

\*\*\*Carol has done a wonderful job stepping in for Civic Beautification - she's even added in fellowship before or after to give members an opportunity to break bread together and get to know each other better. Information for next park cleanup and fellowship is below. Please come and join us - you will love to get out in the sunshine and fresh air and the labor is not strenuous. If anything, you can come along for moral support! We hope to see you there!

Park Cleanup and Fellowship Itinerary:

Tuesday, April 13th, 2021

10:00 am - Litter Cleanup at Cambridge Park

11:00 am - Tower Park Beautification

Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards

OR

Bring money for Chick-Fil-A

**Newsletter** - Hello, Garden Club family! I've had so much fun writing the newsletters so far and can't wait to see content contributions from our members. For our next newsletter I'd like to do a 'My Prized Plant' page so we can share our favorites with each other.. With that said, I need your help! Please take a moment over the next month and snap a cool photo of a prized plant in your home or garden and send it to me! Please tell what the name of the plant is and how long you've had it. Text or Email to 479-866-0694 or [kellyRenglish@icloud.com](mailto:kellyRenglish@icloud.com). I can't wait to see everyone's prized planties! Thank you!



# Horticulture Humor

Things I do in my spare time.



Buy more plants.



Talk about plants.



HALF FULL



OPTIMIST

HALF EMPTY



PESSIMIST



PLANT PERSON

Now it's time to find out who's really been sabotaging my budget



filling out my taxes



I have a child.



Me on my way to the plant section



if you have a plant in each hand you won't touch your face, ur welcome



"You deserve the plant, buy it!"

