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Greetings from our AFGC President, 2021-2023



Terri Waterman

Well, October has been a busy month of meetings for our five AFGC districts, to include Pulaski District which technically had theirs on November 1st. I've had a wonderful time driving through the state enjoying all the programs presented at each meeting. It was great visiting with so many interesting and fun garden club members. It was such a pleasure to renew old friendships and make new ones. If you have never been to a district meeting please make the time to attend one in 2022. The excitement of seeing what creative staging and refreshments the host garden club comes up with, and the educational and entertaining programs provided, make it worth the effort. I was thrilled to attend the NW District's 'hybrid' meeting, the first time for a district. There were about 20+ in-person attendees and 12 participating via Zoom. I think this is a great example of using technology to meet the challenges posed over the last few years and might be a useful format for local garden clubs trying to keep their diverse membership connected.

Enjoy the changing weather and Dig, Plant, Grow those gardens.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Terri



Pulaski District



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SE District



SW District

Camark Pottery



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"Home for the Holidays"

November 18, 2021

Hillcrest Hall
1501 Kavanaugh Blvd.
Little Rock, AR

Sponsored by
AR Judges Council

1 to 2:30pm
Open to the public
Free of charge

COOL SEASON ANNUALS ADD WINTER COLOR

by Janet B. Carson

If you have not planted winter annuals, be of good cheer — there is still time. The idea of months without flowers is dreary indeed, especially when we can have an outstanding display of color from pansies, violas, Swiss chard and more all winter long. So instead of stopping your flower gardening for the year, try planting some cool season annuals.

When planting in December, be sure to choose strong, healthy plants with blooms on them. If you plant young, small plants during the later planting, you may wait until spring before you see any blooms.

Pansies are still the most popular of the cool season bedding plants and come in a variety of sizes, colors and types. The flowers have a velvety texture and bloom over a long period of time. To keep the plants blooming, be sure to remove spent flowers as they decline. Pansies thrive in cool weather and will bloom from now until hot weather causes them to decline next summer.

Violas are a smaller flowering winter annual, which I often think we have better luck with in Arkansas. They can tolerate more fluctuations of temperature, so can be planted earlier in the fall and will last later in the spring. Although the flowers are smaller, the plants are covered with blooms.

Don't overlook leafy plants. From the edible Swiss chard, beets, mustard and kale to the ornamental kale and cabbage, these plants can last all winter and provide you with good color. If you plant the edible varieties you can have color and beauty, but eat them as well.



flowering kale

AFGC binders for sale, \$1.00

The size is 8 X 8 3/4 inches.

Give Bobbie a call and let her know how many you'd like and if you might be able to pick them up in Little Rock. We can arrange for a meeting place. (870)931-8455.



AFGC note cards for sale, \$10 for 10

Blank inside, envelopes included.

We have a variety of designs



NGC has 3 children's books for sale.

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You may order from NGC Member Services, www.gardenclub.org

REMINDER: Don't forget to watch YouTube, "DIY Fall Wreath/Fall Décor", by Jennifer Decorates, 11:39. She loves teaching others to make wreaths. Have fun!

Don't forget to watch Chris Norwood of Tipton Hurst on Facebook to get some fabulous designing ideas or as he calls it a "happy".

It's time to give some of your container gardens attention. Bring them in your garage and see if they will overwinter. You'll be surprised how many do well and only need a little grooming and water this winter.



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Camden Garden Club



Lake & Plantation Garden Club

"TROPICAL ISLAND GETAWAY"

Rose Knight, South Central Region Director, has been very busy working with Texas Garden Club members as they plan the region's annual convention to be held in Galveston, TX, April 19-21, 2022. So reserve those dates on your calendar and plan to be there.

The meeting, hosted by Houston Federation of Garden Clubs, will provide time for business, a tour, a workshop, and outstanding speakers along with our meals.

Arrival date is Tuesday, April 19, and you will be staying at the Tremont House. You'll be in the historic district, just steps from Strand Historic District and 4 minutes by foot from Port of Galveston Cruise Terminal. Dinner is on your own and you will likely find many restaurants in the area.



On Wednesday we will tour Moody's Garden Rainforest. Unique entertainment options surround you at Moody Gardens. Containing a world-class aquarium, a living rainforest, and the Discovery Museum, there is plenty to do

and see at Moody Gardens. You may have lunch here or select another location if you desire.

Would you like to attend the Shard Art Workshop Wednesday evening? Shard art is a painting technique developed by the artist Betz Smisek. Shard means broken pieces or fragments. She uses this broken colored glass, also called frit, to achieve a desired effect from light refraction on her painting.



Thursday, Apr. 21
Dinner at the Hotel
and
Program...

Flower Garden Banks
National Marine Sanctuary

Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary is one of 14 national marine sanctuaries and two marine national monuments protected by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. It is the only sanctuary site located in the Gulf of Mexico. Enjoy the presentation, as well as your dinner.

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