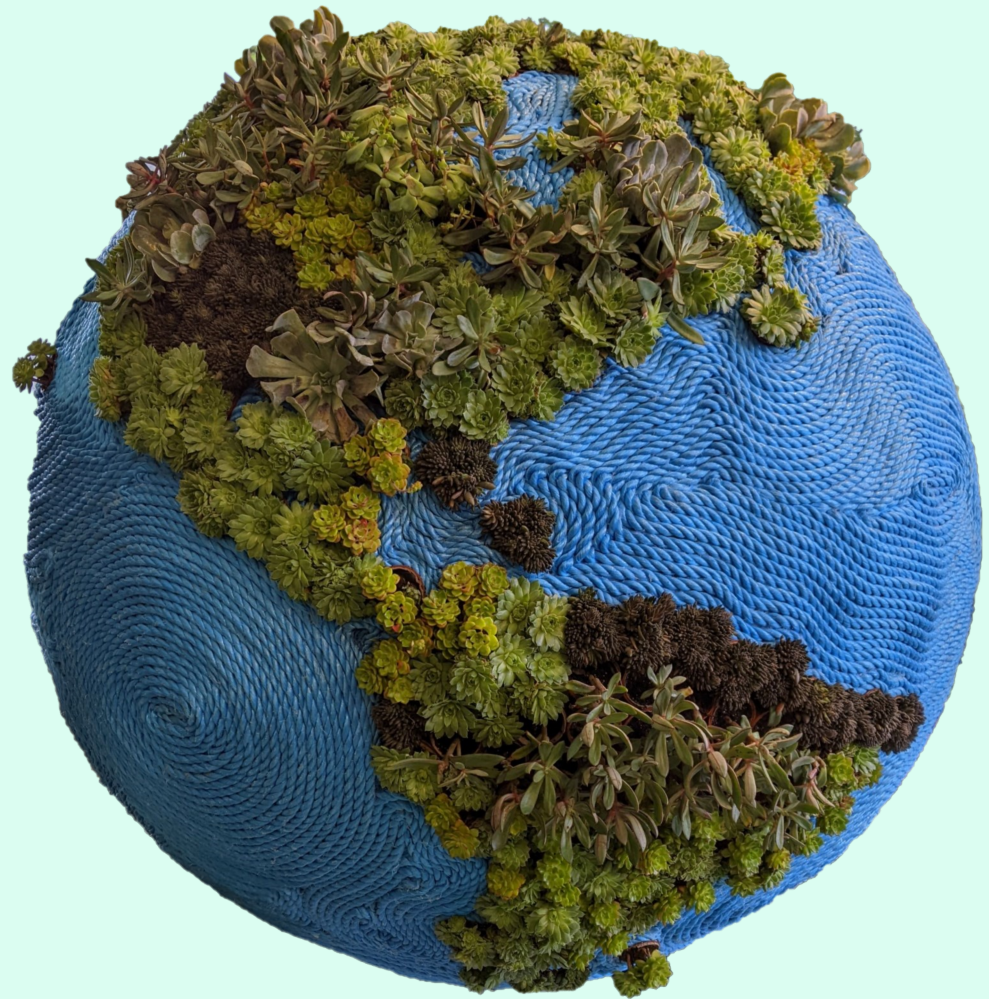


HORTENSIA

GARDEN CLUB OF ALABAMA
SPRING 2022





We wish to express great gratitude to two ladies who have worked tirelessly for many years to bring you the Hortensia.

Donna Wells was our editor, a job that requires lots of time and patience. Donna kept track of events, deadlines, awards, and all the various officers and committee chairs. We wish her the best with her current health issues!

Mary Summerville was the Circulation Manager. Her job was to interact with the printer and maintain the names and addresses of all our state members. Keeping the roster up to date alone is a huge task.

Calendar

Sept. 1 **Executive Board Meeting** 9:30 AM, Full Board 10AM , Montgomery, Arrowhead Country Club. District Directors will be asked to report.

Oct. 10 - District I meeting

Oct. 11 - District II meeting

Oct. 12 - District III meeting

Oct. 19 - District VII Historic Rawls Hotel, 116 South Main Street, Enterprise,

Oct. 20 - District VIII meeting Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall

Oct. 25 - District IV meeting

Oct. 26 - District V meeting

Oct. 27 - District VI meeting

Nov. 15—**Deadline for the submission of most awards**

SAVE THE DATE

Thyme to Rhyme
69th Annual NGC Flower Show
At
The Alabama National Fair
October 7 – October 16, 2022



Chairman: Rose Winkler
 334-270-0884 rmwinkler45@yahoo.com

Facebook: Montgomery Federation
 of Garden Clubs, Inc.

This flower show will include a photography section which has a deadline of September 9.

Thank you to our patrons

Fayette Garden Club, District IV

The Fleur De Lis Garden Club, Clanton, District VI

Flower Lovers Garden Club, Enterprise, District VII

Guntersville Garden Club, District II

Special Thanks to our Scholarship donors (more information about the scholarship fund will be in our Fall edition)

In Honor of those members who are now gardening in heaven:

Karen Voelker, Redstone Garden Club, Madison, District I

Dede Busk, Redstone Garden Club, Madison, District I

Martha Burkhalter, Phenix City, Alabama Council of
Flower Show Judges

Emilie Puckett, Fort Payne Garden Club, District II

Peggy Kellum, Tuscaloosa/Northport Garden Club,
District IV

Pat Petro Perryman, Camellia Garden Club, Wetumpka,
District VI

The cover photo is from a Miracle Gro display at the Chelsea Flower Show. The blue rope which represents the sea was reclaimed after washing up along beaches.

Please send your photos as a download. This provides better clarity and gives the editor the ability to crop and edit them. Photos from iPhones are sometimes blurry when sent to a Microsoft platform directly.

All entries should be sent to:

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As your new editors we hope that each of you can help us by contributing pictures, articles, information about upcoming events, coverage of your flower shows with pictures of your floral designs, explanation of community project ideas, program ideas, or other relevant information to share. **Please provide your material via email if possible in a doc format (not PDF.)** This will greatly help us.

We are relying on club presidents and district directors to keep us informed!

We welcome your feedback and admit that we will make mistakes, especially as we begin this task.

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Elaine Smith no longer handles this

New Members Listing

Send one notification to Charlotte Croft (above)

And one with the dues check to:

Treasurer Barbara Anthony

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Phenix City, 36868

New Membership Chair

Deborah Harris

205-681-6733

hsamdeb@bellsouth.net

~ In Loving Memory ~

Redstone Garden Club, District I

They will be greatly missed!



Karen Voelker

1944 - 2021

Madison, AL



'Dede' Busk

1948 - 2021

Madison, AL

The Guntersville Garden Club honors their Own

Frances Dews (1910-2006) was an early member of the Guntersville Garden Club, founded in 1937, District II. She instilled her love of flowers in her two daughters, **Frances Dews Culbert** (1931-2019) and **Carolyn Dews Keech** (1934-2021), both also members of the Guntersville Garden Club. Mother and daughters are now adding their touches to heavenly gardens, while two more Dews' descendants have taken their places in our Club here on earth: sisters **Laura Culbert Boggus** and **Linda Culbert Stover** are proving that their third-generation family “apples” did not fall far from the tree. Their grandmother, mother and aunt would be as proud of them as we are.

Weevil on down you
guys
and meet us on



District VII Fall Meeting
Director Leigh Cassidy

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Historic Rawls Hotel
116 South Main Street
Enterprise, Alabama 36330

Registration 9-9:50 a.m.
Call to Order at 10 a.m.

Registrar: Jan Guice
736 Country Circle
Daleville, Alabama 36322
\$28 per person

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LAMAR MERRILL

As President of the Garden Club of Alabama, I am so happy to see how our organization and our clubs are coming back to life after the pandemic. I attended the Deep South Convention in beautiful Natchez, Mississippi March 6 thru 9, 2022. While meeting with other state presidents I realized that we share the problems of keeping up our membership and providing funding for state activities. I was privileged to meet and introduce our National President, Mary Warshauer. She has been focusing on improving our social media presence by creating online programs and creating lots of informational videos which are available on the National Garden Club's website. I want to congratulate the clubs that won the 19 Deep South awards. One of the speakers was Kathleen Bond, Superintendent of the National Park Service.

Our Alabama Convention went off beautifully thanks to our Convention Chair, Karen Merrill, who orchestrated it beautifully despite her recent health issues. The National President attended all three days and wrote a letter congratulating us on our great Convention. The convention included a Luau with everyone in Hawaiian attire and official hula dancers. The Auburn Horticultural department presented their new Transformation Garden, two wonderful designers created huge designs, Bill Finch spoke about the great diversity of Alabama's wildlife, there were tours, and a gourd birdhouse workshop. Thanks to all those who provided the beautiful table decorations at the meals. I also want to thank all our Board and others who have been so faithfully involved.

Our membership still needs improvement, despite a nice increase in numbers and even a new club in Huntsville. Diane Salls has made a wonderful effort to improve membership. As she is moving to Mississippi to care for her sister, she will be greatly missed. Her membership drive contest first prize was won by Fayette Club. Deborah Harris is taking her place as Membership Chairman.

I plan to attend the National Convention in Orlando, Florida the week of May 16. I recently attended the flower show in Gardendale which was beautifully done.

I hope you all grow beautiful gardens this summer. As always, we are going out to Paris, Idaho for the summer to enjoy our family and friends there. We always have a 4th of July picnic with 75-100 people under the big willow tree in our back yard. We will be back for the fall Board Meeting on September 1st at the Arrowhead Country Club in Montgomery. Hoping to see all the Board there.

The Spring Hortensia will be on computer at our GCA Web site. Many thanks to our new Hortensia Editor, Joey Skaff, and Charlotte Croft, Assistant Editor and Circulation Chairman. This is a trial run.

I am so glad that your clubs are meeting again. We need socialization and friendship. That is what garden clubs are all about (Plus hard work, ha, ha).

Always a pleasure to serve you all.

Sincerely, LaMar Merrill

Video Program Ideas

National Garden Club

<https://gardenclub.org/video-cafe> (check for these under *Webinars* (Doug Tallamy) and *Floral Design* (David Robson))

Doug Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home* and *Nature's Best Hope* explains the importance of native plants and insects. His ideas have changed our views on the balance of nature. 54 minutes (also available on You Tube via National Garden Club)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBkUBDY5IN0&ab_channel=NationalGardenClub

NGC Instructor David Robson gives an excellent explanation of floral pin holders, frogs, tape, wire, glue, and lots of mechanical tricks. 25 minutes

Mechanics of Good Design

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bkx-spie6lo&t=40s&ab_channel=NationalGardenClub

(also available via National Garden Club You Tube channel)

National Geographic

Almost 50 years ago, Church's chicken founder, David Bamberger, used his fortune to purchase 5,500 acres of overgrazed land in the Texas Hill Country and restore it to its natural state.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSPkcpGmfIE&ab_channel=NationalGeographic

Discovering Alabama

A walk through the wood to identify **native trees**.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWul4dShjol&ab_channel=DiscoveringAlabama

Alabama Public Television *America's Amazon* —Alabama's Diverse natural world

<https://www.pbs.org/video/alabama-public-television-presents-americas-amazon/>

Garden Club of Jacksonville

Floral designer Laura Haley demonstrates eye-popping table settings as examples of what can be entered in flower shows.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGfyoMo2Q54&t=3372s>

Floral designer Laura Haley demonstrates contemporary designs that could be entered in a flower show www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5xMBZtXmfw&t=1797s&ab_channel=GardenClubJax

Joshua Rosenberg, owner of **NativeJax Permaculture Design** discusses how you can use plants to deter pests and the role of biodiversity and soil health in reducing pesky bugs.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzAQIW7XsLc&ab_channel=GardenClubJax

Beth Marlowe, **urban garden coordinator** at the UF/IFAS Extension Office of Duval County, discusses the ways home landscapes can go beyond ornamental plants

www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLI8o3Es9ng&ab_channel=GardenClubJax

For other program ideas with accompanying information

contact **Linda Tucker** 251-747-5767 lwhippersnapper@aol.com

A list of these programs is in the Summer/Fall Hortensia.

Below is a link to our reduced hotel pricing for the Garden Club of Alabama State Convention, Spring Break Garden Club Style being held at the Orange Beach Event Center Monday, April 10- Wednesday, April 12, 2023. The Springhill Suites is offering us a reduced rate including free breakfast and parking for \$149 King room or \$169 for Double Queens with balcony. This hotel is right next to the event center. Please book early before this price is gone! You can cancel up to 72 hours prior with a credit card and you won't be charged upfront. Here is the link:

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1651779962003&key=GRP>

The Wharf Rental Management directly on the Intercoastal Waterway has beautiful condominiums available at special rates for limited time as well! Great option only 4 minute walk from Orange Beach Event Center. This is a terrific way to bring the family or groups of friends to enjoy even more the area has to offer! Please call 866-864-0937 for rate options and view on there website wharfcondos.com for photos and more information before you call them to book.

Kim Edgerton, 2023 Convention Chair,

kimbilledge@yahoo.com 574-210-9350



District III, North End Council

Flower Show

Spring Break Garden Club Style

April 10-12, 2023
Orange Beach AL

Convention Activities will be held at
Orange Beach Event Center

Preferred Convention Hotel
Springhill Suites Orange Beach
At the Wharf
Preferred Convention Condo
The Wharf Vacation Rentals

Springhill Suite Orange Beach Rate
\$149 - King \$169 - Queen W/Pool View
251-943-6600

Wharf Condo Packages
www.wharfcondos.com
866-864-0937

TOTAL FOR 3 or 4 NIGHT STAY	TOTAL FOR 5, 6 or 7 NIGHT STAY	CONDO SIZE	MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY
\$1025 / \$338 DEPOSIT	\$1533 / \$420 DEPOSIT	1 bedroom, 1 bath	6
\$1189 / \$338	\$1788 / \$469	2 bedroom, 2 bath	8
\$1341 / \$367	\$2031 / \$519	3 bedroom, 3 bath	8
\$1731 / \$449	\$2670 / \$657	3 bedroom, 3 bathroom (Corner)	10

Prices are subject to availability

You are welcome to stay wherever you would like to, but if you stay somewhere else please let us know where you are staying so we can get room credits with the Convention Center.

Come Have Fun With Us Next Year

Explanatory Videos on the NGC Website

<https://gardenclub.org/video-cafe>

Below are the videos on awards:

Plant America Community Grant Program - this video provides an overview of the Plant America grant process and takes you step-by-step how to apply. (30 minutes)

NGC Awards Overview 2021-2023 - The NGC Award Chairmen goes over the new garden club awards program and how to use the award pages on the website. (40 minutes)

NGC Award of Excellence 2021 - Each year, NGC's Award of Excellence recognizes exceptional individuals, organizations or institutions that advance our organization's goals and purposes. The Award of Excellence is NGC's highest honor for non-members. (2 minutes)

AMES Tool Grants 2021 - Ames Tools partners with National Garden Club to provide garden clubs with tool grants for their projects. (2 minutes)

Espoma Grants 2021 - Espoma partnered with National Garden Club to provide garden clubs with items for their projects. (7 minutes)

The **video café** covers **many subjects**, such as, photography, using Canva, using Zoom, a tour of the NGA website, recruiting and keeping new members, a guide for club presidents, etc.

How to increase your club's membership?

1. Post your upcoming meetings on your club's Facebook page or that of the community.
2. List your meetings on the bulletin board of your local library, church, bookstore.
3. Does your city have a newsletter which will post your meeting information?
4. Create small cards with information about your club to give away at events.
5. Make a separate email address for club business so that contact information will not change as your Board changes.
6. Let people know that they are welcome.

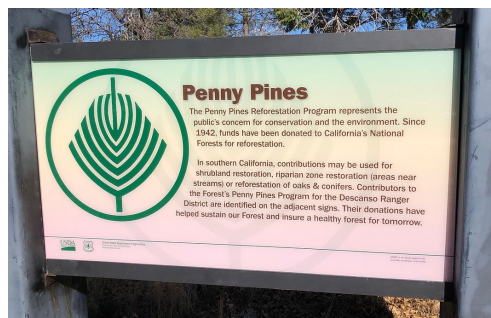
Planning Next Year's Budget?

Consider some projects of the National Garden Club —visit the NGC website for details. gardenclub.org

Blue and Gold Star Memorials —The Blue Star Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now NGC, Inc.) adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. The Blue Star was adopted because it had become an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war as well as in churches and businesses. Visit the NGC website for details, prices will increase effective May 1, 2022.

Penny Pines— NGC and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program. Your Garden Club can participate in a meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing \$68.00 to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area. You may designate a specific state you wish to have benefit from this contribution. You can also ask that your donation be in honor or in memory of an individual and a certificate will be sent a certificate in their honor.

NGC has partnered with Global Partners Running Waters Inc., a nonprofit organization working in cooperation with the United Nations, to increase access to safe water in Latin America. 1.1 billion people around the world currently get their water from rivers, ponds, or other sources subject to contamination. Donations made through NGC will help to bring safe drinking water to villages.



quality materials. Select the “green” features such as trees, shrubs and groundcovers to support the story and provide the appropriate character to an area. Be sure that the plant material is healthy and are the right sizes. My last



Conceptual plan for the Animal Kingdom

Morgan “Bill” Evans, the original landscape architect of Disneyland in CA. He knew Walt personally and first worked designing the landscape at Walt Disney’s Holmby Hills estate! THAT was Bill’s *audition* for the Disneyland job.



avorite step is called Field Art Direction or the oversight. This step ensures that the design intent and quality of the installation is what was intended, which -- everything in unison -- follows the STORY.

Love Vitex or Redbuds but hate the seeds?

Cercis ‘Don Egolf’ is a female sterile redbud which develops no seed pods.

‘Traveller’ (*C. texensis*) is a weeping redbud and its flowers are sterile and pod-less. “I have seen only one pod on ‘Traveller’ in 20 years”, says Dr. Dennis Werner, NCSU Ornamental Plant Breeder.

Vitex “Summertime Blues” Attractive rounded growth habit. Can be grown as a shrub or small tree. Large lavender purple flowers on dark stems. Blooms most of the summer and produces no seeds.

Disney Landscape Design Secrets That You Can Use At Home – What's the STORY?

By Grace Skidmore, Horticulturist; former Disney's Horticulturist and Walt Disney Imagineering Landscape Architecture Cast Member; PSU grad and undergrad. New member of Fairhope Garden Club

At Disney, landscape design is focused on the creation of immersive environments. Choices integrating the function, operations, and entertainment needs with aesthetics all must work together harmoniously. At home, you'll want to think about what ALL is going to happen in the space that you want to improve.

Since Disney is a storytelling company, there's another important layer that



Water Feature in Oasis Garden, Animal Kingdom

goes into a final landscape product. It's all about a STORY. The Story is what creates a certain "sense of place." Disney wants to IMMERSE you into a world of make-believe that excludes any distractions from the outside world. How do you do THAT? Disney landscape design basic recipe (1) landscaped berms to contain outside visual intrusions, (2)

themed hardscape and (3) a tree canopy to manage views and provide shade. All Disney

landscape plant choices needed to portray the character and theme of the space. Trust me – doing this narrows down your decisions.

The STORY that you want to tell drives all your landscape decisions. Building landscape berms to screen views into your neighbors' yard may seem excessive, BUT you can use barriers or a carefully placed large tree for screening. Using tree canopies to create pleasant spaces is crucial. Mature trees in your yard? THAT is your starting point. Think about what you might want to do there. Set up chairs, get out of the hot sun? Make a family BBQ spot? What about a fern gulley or hammock? Factors we must consider are physical surroundings, scale, solar orientation and wind patterns.

At home, tell a cohesive story by selecting plants that are monochromatic, or fragrant or look like the beach, or a woodlands, a rustic farm or a cottage garden. Themes are endless but they give you a direction to go in. There are about **391,000 species of plants** currently known. Once designed, invest time to select

More Budget Planning

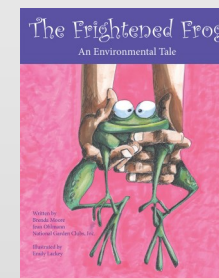
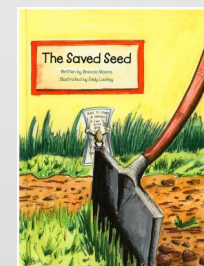
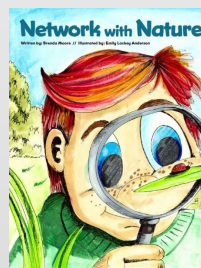
Give members of your club a honorary Lifetime Membership. This is a recognition of their contributions to gardening and your club. The donation of \$50 goes to the GCA scholarship fund. The recipient continues to pay club dues to remain a member. Jane Pearson is the chair, 205-330-2949, janepearson4@aol.com

Honor your speakers with a gift to the state scholarship fund. Fairhope Garden Club has been doing this for several years. Nell Copeland 334-399-5001 ncopland5862@gmail.com

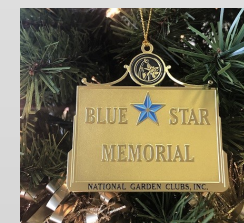
Place an **ad in the upcoming 2022-2023 Convention brochure** from you club, district, or in honor of a special member.

Purchases from the NGC website store <https://gardenclub.org/store>

Purchase children's gardening books and donate them to your local elementary schools.



Plan on giving your officers a Christmas ornament in honor of the NGC Blue Star program.



Did you know that it has been estimated that over the last 50 years, we have lost three billion birds from the North American landscape? The causes include loss of habitat, predation by cats, collisions with buildings, windows, vehicles, and communication towers, and contaminants and pesticides.

Revisiting the 89th Garden Club of Alabama Convention

April's GCA convention in Huntsville highlighted several topics: promoting nature, GCA's relationship with Auburn and its scholarship funds, coming into the digital age, increasing club membership, and making floral design fun.

Bill Finch, an award-winning author and naturalist spoke about Alabama's plant diversity and the need to preserve it. Hayes Jackson is a past recipient of GCA's scholarship program and an extension agent who admits to being a plant collector. He has also taken on the role of director of the new Longleaf Botanical Gardens in Anniston.

At the scholarship luncheon, two highly qualified awardees were presented. Both are already contributing to horticultural research. There was a presentation explaining Auburn's newest campus initiative, the Transformation Garden. It will be an expansion of the original Old Rotation garden planted in 1896 as a research experiment for now commonplace ideas such as crop rotation, cover crops, and no-till farming. The new 16 acre garden will serve as an outdoor classroom, a testing site, and a food source for Auburn students. This site will be part of Auburn's Green Corridor which includes the Davis Arboretum. Visitors will be welcome.

Mary Warshauer, President of National Garden Clubs, Inc spoke about the need for garden clubs to become part of the digital age to remain relevant. She encouraged clubs to reach out to potential younger members via social media. This advice was also in a recent issue of *The American Gardener* published by the American Horticultural Society. Marianne Willburn states: *Our clubs are aging. And if we continue to ignore the issue by serving a comfortable 20th-century club model to a 21st century audience, horticultural organizations nationwide will soon be facing a very different kind of existential sustainability—their own.*

The design banquet featured the "Delta Divas," Carol Bullard and Debby Cooper. They had exuberant designs and personalities.



Chelsea Flower Show—definitely a whole day event!



Created with Driftwood

A Balcony Garden for apartment living



91st Anniversary Celebration for Samson Garden Club

The Samson Garden Club was born in a Rose Garden in the fall of 1929. Three ladies decided to transform the boulevard of Main Street in Samson from an ill-kept sandy road into a street of beauty! They raised money and with the aid of a leading nursery man from GA, bought and supervised the planting of 900 roses, 60 evergreens, and 60 palm trees on Main Street. In October 1930, an organizational meeting was held and anyone interested in gardening and home and civic beautification was invited to attend. In 1932, the Samson Garden Club became involved in state politics by becoming one of the state's first organized groups to petition the state legislature for the creation of stock laws prohibiting livestock from roaming freely on highways. Over the next 91 years the club, born out of the parkway that made Samson known as the "city of a Million Roses", grew with active members continuing and initiating various projects. In 2015-2016, 265 drift roses were planted in the parkway. The club maintains the four main entrances to the city, participates yearly in Litter Control Month by cleaning the club's "Adopt -A-Mile" area of Main Street, gives to charitable organizations and organizes home and garden tours. With 23 active members and 12 associate members, the club is still guided by its original motto, "PROGRESS IS MADE BY WORK ALONE"

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Cathy Brown a "NEVER FORGET GARDEN" was installed in Meadowlawn Cemetery in Enterprise. The garden, bench and granite marker will remind us to never forget the cost of freedom, and the people who lost their lives

protecting it. The installation was sponsored by the Society of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and led by the love of her late father who was Sergeant of the Guard at Arlington Cemetery,

Cathy (left) led the dedication on May, 19, 2022. With Cathy is Cyndy Weber, president of Flower Lovers Garden Club. (DistrictVII)



The National Garden Club Member Award of Honor

has been given to our Past President

Sybil Ingram

AWARDS

District I

Blossomwood Garden Club, Huntsville**

1st Place: #21B Blue/Gold Star Memorials
HM: #71-2 Yearbook

Deep South 1st Place: #17 Community Action Group

Florence Garden Club

2nd Place: #71-1 Yearbook

Forever Green Mountain Garden Club,
Huntsville**

1st Place: Blue/Gold Star Memorial

3rd Place: #71-2 Yearbook

Deep South 1st Place: #17 Community Action Group

Lakeside Garden Club, Florence

1st Place: #22i Special Achievement; #74
Every Light a Prayer for Peace

Deep South 3rd Place #3 Public Relations

Willowbrook Garden Club, Huntsville

1st Place: # 7ii Litter/Recycling/
Reclamation; #11ii Community Beautification; #14ii Yard of the Month

Deep South #25 2nd Place Roadside Beautification (med)

District II

Amaryllis Garden Club, Oneonta

1st Place: #11i Community Beautification,
#72 Christmas Lights

2nd Place: #73 Holiday Houses

Deep South 2nd Place: #25 Roadside Beautification (sm)

Cherokee Rose Garden Club, Cedar Bluff** Third Place: #11i Community Beautification

Colony Garden Club, Guntersville*

1st Place: #73 Holiday Houses

3rd Place: #25Ai Therapy Gardens
HM: #1i Birds, #71-1 Yearbook

Fort Payne Garden Club*

1st Place: Jean Jackson #42 Floral Design Program

Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone**

1st Place: #18i Civic Achievement

3rd Place: #71-1 Yearbook

DeepSouth 2nd Place #7 Tree Planting

District III

Blue Star Garden Club, Warrior*

HM: #1i Birds, #71-1 Yearbook

Deep South 3rd Place #30 Yearbook (sm)

Edgewood Garden Club, Homewood**

1st Place: #1ii Birds, #17ii Adopt-A-Park,
#25ii Therapy Gardens,

2nd Place: #7ii Litter/Recycling/
Reclamation, #71-3 Yearbook

AWARDS continued

Magnolia Garden Club, Warrior**

1st Place: #14i Yard of the Month, #71-2 Yearbook

2nd Place #1i Birds, #25i Therapy Gardens, #26i Horticulture

Deep South HM #30 Yearbook

North End Council of Garden Clubs

1st Place: Council Standard Flower Show

District IV

Fayette Garden Club**

1st Place: #3i Pollinators, #7i Litter/ Recycling/Reclamation, #21i School Grounds Improvement, #71ii Adopt-A-Park, John Brasher #24A Edible Gardening, #25Ai Therapy Gardens, #26i Horticulture, #27i Community Landscape, #45Bi Social Media/Website, #63i Youth Horticulture Education, #69i Arbor Day, #70i Tree Planting,
2nd Place: #13i Roadside Beautification
HM: #11i Community Beautification, #71-2 Yearbook

Deep South 1st Place #5 Litter Control (med), #9 Horticulture, 2nd Place #7 Tree Planting (med), 3rd Place # School Grounds Improvement

Greensboro Garden Club (highest score)

1st Place: #1i Birds, #16i Community Action, #2i Butterfly,
Georgia Rhodes #28"Ci Landscape Design, #46 Video/CD/Flash Drive
2nd Place: #7i Litter/Recycling/ Reclamation

Deep South 3rd Place #6 Bird Award

Tuscaloosa/Northport Garden Club**

1st Place: Debbie Glass #23B Container Gardening, #31i Landscape/Historic Preservation, #42 Floral Design Program
2nd Place: #12i School Grounds Improvement, Jean Pearson #24A Edible Gardening, #27i Community Landscape, Jean Pearson #28Ci Landscape Design, #71-1 Yearbook

3rd Place: #13i Roadside Beautification, #18i Civic Achievement
HM: #11i Community Beautification
Deep South 2nd Place #2 Historic Preservation (sm)

District V

Wedgee Garden Club*

1st Place: #13i Roadside Beautification, #40 Outdoor Classroom/Nature Trail
2nd Place: #3i Pollinators, #72 Christmas Lights
Deep South 2nd Place #14 Environmental Education (med)

District VI

Luverne Garden Club**

#2i Butterfly
Deep South 1st Place #14 Butterfly Conservation (med)

Montgomery Fed. of Garden Clubs

1st Place: #45Bi Social Media/Website, #49-2B Publication 1,
#82 Flower Show Schedule, #FS13 Near Club Standard Flower Show
2nd Place: Blue/Gold Star Memorials

District VII

Columbus Council of Garden Clubs,

Phenix City
1st Place: #42 Floral Design Program

Chunnenuggee Garden Clubs, Union Springs**

1st Place: #84 Publicity Press Book

Flower Lover's Garden Club, Enterprise

1st Place: #15i Community Service
2nd Place: #11i Community Beautification, #18i Civic Achievement, #70i Tree Planting
Deep South HM: #17 Community Action (med)

* **Denotes Club of Distinction**

** **Denotes Clubs of Distinction with the Gold Seal**

Award continued

District VIII

Fairhope Garden Club**

3rd Place: Charlotte Hamm #28Ci
Landscape Design

Gulf Shores Garden Club**

1st Place: #71-4 Yearbook
Deep South 3rd Place #30 Yearbook

Gold Seal Clubs of Distinction not before noted:

District I: Redstone GC **District II** Rainsville GC **District III** Gardendale GC, Heatherwood GC, **District IV** Goldenrod GC **District V** Cherokee GC **District VI** Canterbury Bells GC, Fleur de Lis GC Camden, Yaupon GC **District VII** Garden Club by the Lake, Tulip GC

Clubs of Distinction not before noted:

District V Coosa GC, Town and Country GC

District VI Fleur de Lis GC Clanton, Georgiana GC, Scattered Seeds GC, Southern Charm GC **District VII** Camellia GC **District VIII** Orange Beach GC, Spanish Fort GC

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Fayette Garden Club overall winner G1 Container Gardening plus \$100

Fayette Garden Club W8 youth horticulture certificate of appreciation

Fort Payne Garden Club FD 2 Floral Design Program overall winner plus \$100

Greensboro Garden Club MAE3, Digital Media Certificate of Appreciation

Gulf Shores Garden Club MAE 2B Social Media/Website overall winner plus \$50

Montgomery Fed of Garden Clubs MAE 2B Social media Certificate of Appreciation

Tuscaloosa Northport Garden Club CE9 Landscaping of Historic Area Certificate of Commendation