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Greetings from our AFGC President, 2023-2025

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Pam certainly enjoyed attending the district meetings held in AR this fall.

She looks forward to the next annual convention.

Some very exciting news is happening in the AFGC! We are going to have a State Flower Show! The Home Builder's Association of Greater Little Rock has offered us space in the Central Arkansas Home and Garden Show to have our State Flower Show. It will be at the Arkansas State Fairgrounds in the Hall of Industry on February 21-22, 2025.

Staging and set up will be on Wednesday, February 19, Horticulture and Designs will be accepted on the morning of Thursday, February 20, with judging that afternoon. The actual show will be on February 21-22. Take down on Sunday, February 23. The times are approximate right now but the dates are final. This will be a STATE show representing all of Arkansas and we have very little lead time. The AFGC will need help from every club in Arkansas to make this a success. As the first flower show since COVID-19, this will be a wonderful opportunity to learn how it's done. We will need all the help we can get. I know we all want it to be perfect and reflect favorably on the AFGC. It is the expectation of the NGC that every club participate in

a State Flower Show, and it is part of the requirements to get an award from the NGC.

There are many ways to accomplish this. Your club can send horticulture, a design, donate money to help pay for necessary materials such as ribbons, decorations, entry cards, and printing or send volunteers to help set up. If your club has never had a flower show, this will be a wonderful opportunity to learn how it's done. We will need all the help we can get. Teresa Shannon, our State Flower Show Chairman, is working hard to complete the schedule and get it out to all the clubs. As soon as it is ready, I will send a schedule to each club president. This is an exciting development and I am looking forward to working with all of you to make this the best Flower Show ever.

In other news, I just finished my farewell tour of the districts. I love the district meetings in October. I would encourage everyone to attend at least their district meetings. It's a great place to learn new ideas for your club and catch up on what's happening in your district and the AFGC. Two of the districts had Flower Shows in connection with their meetings. As all of you know, we have a lot of Judges and Student Judges that need judging credit to keep or complete their accreditation. That's at least one Flower Show per club per year. That's a lot of Flower Shows.

And last but not least, we have some important dates coming up in 2025:

February 21-22,
State Flower Show
Little Rock, AR

March 24-26,
Flower Show School,
Course 4, Little Rock, AR

April 16-17,
South Central Region Convention,
Albuquerque, NM

April 29-30,
AFGC Convention,
Little Rock, AR

May 19-21,
NGC Convention,
Charleston, SC

I hope to see all of you participating in one or more of the above events.

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. Be a blessing to someone today. Extend a helping hand to one in need.

Pam

SCR DIRECTOR'S PROJECT ---POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIPS

Our theme “Plant America – Pollinating South Central” is the basis of the Director’s project. Our goal is to create opportunities in the four states to increase pollinators through partnerships to promote, to educate, to plant, and through conservation.

A CERTIFICATE AND PRIZE AWARDED –

\$100 – Will be presented to Club sponsoring the best Pollinator Partnership in Youth, in Adult’s and in Business. **\$50** – For second place

Resources include Pollinator Action Team [www.pollinator.org/take action](http://www.pollinator.org/take-action), Bee Smart School Garden Kit www.pollinator.org/bee-smart, and www.pollinator.org/guides.

WHO MAY APPLY: Any individual garden club that is a member of NGC Inc., and South Central Region. One project per garden club may be submitted.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Chairman must receive on or before **December 1, 2023, via email.**

HOW TO APPLY: The application will be on the SCR website, in “The Communicator” and available through the State Presidents.

PROGRAM CRITERIA: Involving and educating the public in our communities on the critical issues about pollinators and the devastating losses that can have a major impact on our food sources. The total involvement and participation by club members and the community. A one-page project including photos must be submitted to the Chair. Report not to exceed **3 pages**.

QUESTIONS: Gwen DeWitt, Chairman of the Director’s Project “Pollinator Partnerships”, 178 Fairway Rdg., Beeville, Texas 78102 Phone: (361) 813-9936 Email: dewitt462002@yahoo.com

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION (Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma & Texas)

Date of Application: _____ **State Garden Club** _____

Applicant (Club Name): _____

Contact (Individual Representing Club): _____

Email: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Divisions: Partnering with Youth____; **Partnering with Adults**____; **Partnering with Business**____; **Cities**____; **Communities**____; **Power Companies** _____; **Other** _____.

ATTACH A DISCRPTION OF THE PARTNERSHIP EXPLAINING HOW IT WORKS. (You do the work they provide the money etc.)

INCLUDE DETAILS OF HOW THIS WILL POLLINATE SCR. INCLUDE THREE PHOTOS.

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NGC INC.
PLANT AMERICA—PLANT POLLINATORS
SCR DIRECTOR SPECIAL AWARD

In addition to Pollinator Partnerships and in support of the NGC Pollinator project, our SCR Director will give a special pin and award at the Convention in Little Rock for each member that gets their yard certified as a Pollinator Garden.

The NGC program has members applying to have their yard certified by National. After the member's garden is certified, they are given the opportunity to purchase their own sign.

PROGRAM CRITERIA: To support the NGC Plant America – Plant Pollinators project by increasing habitat for pollinators one garden at a time. To increase the involvement and participation of club members. A one-page project including photos must be submitted to the Chair. Each member that completes the NGC project will send a picture of their garden, certificates, and the sign to the Chair. Report not to exceed **1 page**.

AWARD: Each member that completes this process will be presented with a pin and a special award at the SCR Convention in Little Rock.

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SAVE THE DATES... you are invited to any or all!

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May 1, 2025: Visit Moss Mountain Garden & Home

Contact Nancy Voyles or Nancy Rana to make your reservation for the tour and luncheon to be held at the end of the AFGC Convention in Little Rock. We will be making final plans for this special event. Cost is \$110.



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Winter Wonderland

An NGC Small Standard
Flower Show

Sponsored by
The Garden Club of Conway
First Community Bank

December 4, 2024

1-2:30pm

Free/Open to the public

2023-2025

Members of Executive Committee

OFFICERS: (Members of Executive Committee)

President: Pam Ellis, Pamela271@gmail.com
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Historian: Rosie Huddleston, huddler@sbcglobal.net

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OTHERS: (Members of Executive Committee)

Immediate Former President (Terri Waterman)
Three Members-at-Large (appointed, non-voting)
(Nancy Voyles, Rose Knight, Nancy Rana)
Parliamentarian (appointed, non-voting) (Sandra Bradberry)
Editor of *The Arkansas Gardener and AFGC Avenues and Adventures* (appointed, non-voting) (Bobbie Verser)
President of AFGC Judges Council (appointed, non-voting)
(Phyllis Byrum)



Monsters on Main Street

Petit Jean Garden Club had an educational table for Halloween at Monsters on Main Street in Morrilton. They gave out "Bit O Honey" candy, wildflower seed packets and had a photo op backdrop. (Left to right). Sharon Clarkson, Ginny's mother, Annette Miller, VP, and Ginny Murray.

LOOKING AHEAD...

ARKANSAS FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2025-2027

President: Nancy Rana, NW District
1st Vice-President: Ann York, NW District
2nd Vice-President: Sherrie Eoff, NW District
Secretary: Ellen Rowan, SE District
Treasurer: Laura Whitley, SW District
Historian: Hallie Orr, NE District

AFGC Judges Council Meeting

November 21, 2024, 10:00am

Faith United Methodist Church, Little Rock, AR



*Friends
Enrich Our Lives
How in the world
does anyone make it
through life without
friends?*

*They're what color
is to flowers...*

*Warmth is to the
sun...*

*And chocolate is
to the taste buds.*

—Unknown

Bonnie Borne Stockel presented a program to the AFGC Judges Council, November 21, 2024, at Faith United Methodist Church, in Little Rock.

She shared interesting and creative ways of making containers for flower designs.

Bonnie is a member of the Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

Pay close attention of AFGC Office Manager and Contact Information:

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