

WELCOME FALL!

Hello Garden Club Presidents and Club Members,

This newsletter marks the beginning of my second year as District 2 Director. Thanks again to Alvarado Garden Club for hosting the 2016 Spring Convention and to the Johnson County Herb Society for welcoming us to their demonstration garden. Congratulations continue for the Clubs who won District, State, Region, and National awards. I have enjoyed working and getting to know you and learning about your Club projects. I am always impressed and get fired up with what Clubs and members do in their communities. I begin this Garden Club year with lots of enthusiasm and hope that you do too.

The District 2 theme, "*Environmental awareness begins with a **LEAP** in Leadership, Education, Action and Purpose*", sounds like a goal every gardener should embrace. During the next year, I challenge everyone to embrace the goal to raise environmental awareness and commit to gardening for wildlife. Plant for pollinators! Improve a habitat! Think organically! Conserve resources! Learn to recognize what is harmful to you in your environment, and then change it! Let me know what you are doing so I can share your ideas and projects to inspire other Clubs and members. I appreciate your continued support of this goal and challenge.

I am excited to announce the District 2 Fall Convention will be at the home of Retired Colonel and Marcy Blagg in Aurora TX. Their home reflects the family's memories from living around the world. Avant Gardeners will add to the setting by presenting a small standard flower show throughout the home titled "*Treasured Memories*". Barbara Baker will demonstrate how to make quick fall arrangements and send an arrangement home with a lucky convention attendee! Complete the registration form and mail it with your check to Melva.

We ask attendees to BYOC (chair) as the meeting will be under the large oak tree in the front yard. District 2 Board members will prepare lite refreshments. Join us and other fellow Garden Club officers, members and friends for the Fall Convention, home tour and flower show.

Linda Krimm, District 2 Director

Thank you to the Clubs, Councils and Affiliates who filed their 990N e-postcard with the IRS. The deadline is coming soon! If your Club has not filed and have questions, contact Pam Braak, p.brack@verizon.net or 817-235-9174 or 817-488-5665.



October 11, 2016	District 2 Fall Convention, " <i>Treasured Memories</i> "
October 18 – 20, 2016	TGC, Fall Convention, El Paso
November 16, 2016	Arbor Day, Tree Planting in Memory of Marion Taylor-Badey
April 11, 2017	District 2 Spring Convention, " <i>Springtime in the Garden</i> "
April 15-16, 2017	Flowercade " <i>Celebrating Our City</i> "
April 18 -21, 2017	TGC Spring Convention, Odessa
April 28 – 29, 2017	SCR, Spring Convention, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Garden Club Council of Fort Worth meets on the 3rd Wednesday, September – November and January – May at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd, Fort Worth

*District 2 Fall Convention,
Home Tour and Flower Show
Tuesday, October 11th
10 am - Noon
At the home of Bob and Marcy Blagg
107 Morning Star Trail, Aurora TX*

The District II Board is excited to host the Fall Convention at the home of Retired Colonel Robert and Marcy Blagg. After a brief business meeting, we will tour the Blagg home filled with memorabilia from around the world and admire *"Treasured Memories"* floral designs created by Avant Gardeners. We will enjoy lite refreshments prepared by District II Board members. Floral designer Barbara Baker will also be demonstrating quick ways to combine horticulture from your garden and flowers from the market into fall arrangements for your home.

Bob and Marcy Blagg moved to Aurora, Texas in 2015. Bob's military career took the family from Del Rio to Germany to Japan and many other places in-between. You will enjoy seeing Marcy's unique talent for collecting and displaying antiques, fine art and whimsical items that reflect the family's travels and casual lifestyle. Avant Gardeners floral designs will inspire you to create arrangements to enhance your own treasured memories. Barbara Baker will demonstrate how to make quick fall arrangements and send an arrangement home with a lucky convention attendee!



Everyone is invited! Bring your own chair (BYOC)! We begin the convention under the old oak tree in the Blagg's front yard. Plan to meet other new Club officers and learn more about what other Clubs are doing. District officers will be there to share information, answer questions and give ideas for awards and new projects. Join us for an enjoyable convention.

Send completed registration form with a \$15 check payable to District 2 by September 30. Mail the form and check to Melva Bowles, 2809 Oak Hill Drive, Alvarado, 76009 Questions? Contact Linda Krimm, lkrimm01@gmail.com or 817-430-4286. Directions? Click on map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/rcTCa4PBi3H2> Enter your address into the box in the upper left corner of the map.

Name _____ Garden Club _____

Address, City, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Circle all that apply:

First-Time to attend District II Convention

Garden Club: President Member Delegate Alternate **Council:** President Officer Member
Affiliate President Officer Member **District:** Directory Officer Chairman Life Member
State: President Officer Trustee Director Chairman Life Member
Region: Officer Chairman Life Member **National:** President Officer Chairman Life Member
NGC Flower Show Judge: Master Life Accredited Student Emeritus Instructor
National: Landscape Design Consultant Garden Study Consultant Environmental Consultant
State: Design Consultant **Texas Master Gardener**

District II Board members will provide drinks and lite refreshments. In case of rain, the home tour and flower show will be held Wed, October 12 at the Blagg home. You will be notified by email or phone. Check your email if you have concerns or questions.

Directions to Fall Convention

From the Texas Motor Speedway on Interstate 35W, go west on Highway 114 for about 14 miles. Be sure to stay right when Highway 114, 287, and Business 81 Access Road all merge. Look for John Deere and Giant Hamburger on your right. If you miss the exit, take the next exit and U-turn to get back on Highway 114. Turn left onto Old Base Road, then turn left again at Morning Star Trail.

Click on this map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/rcTCa4PBi3H2> Enter your address into the box in the upper left corner of the map for more detailed directions.

What you may not know about Aurora TX

The District Fall Convention will be landing in Aurora TX - just like "Ned" the space alien did in 1897! S.E. Haydon of the Dallas Morning News wrote "on April 17, 1897, about 6 o'clock in the morning, the early risers of Aurora were astonished at the sudden appearance of the airship which had been sailing around the country. It was traveling due north and much nearer the earth than before. Evidently, some of the ship's machinery was out of order, for it was making a speed of only ten or twelve miles an hour, and gradually settling toward the earth.

It sailed over the Aurora public square and when it reached the north part of town it collided with the tower of Judge Proctor's windmill. It went into pieces with a terrific explosion, scattering debris over several acres of ground, wrecking the windmill and water tank and destroying the judge's flower garden. The pilot of the ship is supposed to have been the only one aboard. Enough remained of his badly disfigured body to show he was not an inhabitant of this world. The remains were given a proper Christian burial in the Aurora cemetery."

www.auroratexas.gov/board-of-commissions/historic-preservation/ned/



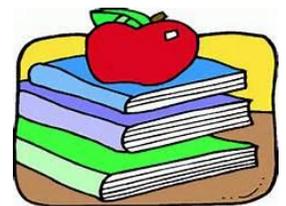
Texas Garden Club dues \$7/Garden Club member. Mail payment to TGC Headquarters, 3111 Old Garden Road, Fort Worth

District II dues are \$10/Club and \$5/Affiliate. Mail payments to Melva Bowles, District 2 Treasurer, 2809 Oak Hill Drive, Alvarado, 76009

Garden Club Council of Fort Worth dues are \$15/Club Mail payments to Amy Dillion, 310 Valley Trail Dr., Weatherford 76087

NGC School Starts Soon

Now is the time to plan to attend an NGC schools during the upcoming garden club year. The schools can help educate members about best environmental, gardening and landscape design practices. NGC provides the infrastructure for these time-tested programs. Each school is comprised of four courses, and each course consists of ten hours of instruction (generally presented over a two-day period). Good information about each NGC School is included in the Summer KIT and the TGC School Schedule is included in the Summer Lone Star Gardener.



Landscape Design School	Sept 26 – 28, 2016	College Station
Environmental Studies School IV	Nov 14 – 15, 2016	Old Fort Parker
Environmental Studies School I	Nov 16 – 17, 2016	Old Fort Parker
Flower Show School II	October 4-6, 2016	Houston
Flower Show School II	October 11-14, 2016	Dallas
Flower Show School III	March 20 – 23, 2017	Dallas
Flower Show School III	March 28 – 30, 2017	Houston
Flower Show School IV	Sept 26 – 28, 2017	Houston

Keeping In Touch a.k.a. KIT



In the Summer 2016 KIT, Sandra Robinson, National Garden Clubs President, offers interesting thoughts about how stories grab our attention. For example, telling stories about how a Club project impacted a community is a good way raise awareness about your Garden Club. She encourages us to share stories about our Clubs in the local paper, radio station, website, Facebook, Twitter, TNG, and KIT. To read more of her thoughts, find the Summer KIT on the TGC and District II website.

District 2 Club's story is told!

The Denton Council of Garden Clubs did exactly what Sandy Robinson, NGC President asked! You may have read their story in the Summer LSG (page 16) or the Denton Record Chronicle.

The Club made over \$1,000 last April by participating in the Denton Redbud Festival sponsored by Keep Denton Beautiful. Club members made and sold recycled chair planters and other items during the Festival. With part of their profits, they decided to present a \$500 scholarship to Hunter Walker, a student at Stephen F. Austin State University. Hunter's major is Horticulture with a minor in Forestry. To help with school finances, Hunter works for Greg Grant as the Greenhouse Manager at the Pineywoods Native Plant Center at Stephen F. Austin.

Greg Grant, who writes for the *Texas Gardener*, wrote a reference letter praising Hunter for his hard work and dedication to his job, family and school. When Hunter could not return home to Denton for presentation of his scholarship, Gay Lynn Bynum, President Denton Council of Garden Clubs, ask Greg to present Hunter with his check and scholarship certificate. Greg was honored to do the presentation and Hunter looks very happy to be receiving it! A good story of how a Garden Club project impacted a dedicated student in the community.



Reward and Honor Students

A District II Scholarship financially assists college level students enrolled in an accredited college or university and majoring in a horticulture field. We need help finding applicants!



If you know a high school senior or college student who could use assistance, make them aware of the District Scholarship award. There are Garden Clubs, Councils and Affiliates who award scholarships and these applicants are eligible to win both a Club and/or District scholarship. For more information or the applications, go to the District website, www.tgcdistrict2.com Contact Beverly Nabors, by email or phone. bandjnabors@abcgloba.net or 817-293-8149

FYI: The District Scholarship fund is primarily funded, by Club donations or by purchasing a District Life Membership. Consider supporting the District Scholarship fund by purchasing a District Life Membership. Everyone wins!

Honor someone For Their Service

The gift of a District Life Membership is a great gift and honor for an out-going President or Club member who has given of themselves to promote the Club. The cost of a District Life Membership is \$75 and 100% goes into the District Scholarship Fund. Each person receiving a District II Life Membership will receive a certificate, a life membership pin and the district newsletter at no cost for life. Contact Edie Williams to purchase a Life Membership for a President or Club member. 817-421-6794 or jimwilliams11571@aol.com

Special Note: We have new District II Life Membership pins for sale. If you are a Life Member who misplaced their pin, contact Edie Williams 817-421-6794 or jimwilliams11571@aol.com

NGC, TGC AWARDS – RECOGNIZE YOUR CLUBS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

It is that time of year to apply for awards to recognize your clubs' achievements for the 2016 calendar year. The information listed below is to assist you in your award application process. NGC and TGC awards applications are limited to three pages so please consider applying for several! The District II award submittal is detailed below.

DISTRICT II AWARDS CHAIRMAN Karen Rice (Grapevine GC) 3333 Wilshire Ave. Grapevine TX, 76051

Phone: (817) 416-1739 email: kl.rice@verizon.net

- **All NGC and TGC award applications are due Nov 1, 2016 and should be mailed to Karen Rice (see above address). Please include contact information for person mailing the awards (name, phone number, email address, club name).** You may also hand deliver applications to Karen at the fall Dist. II convention, or at the Oct. Ft. Worth Garden Club Council Meeting.
- **Club Rating Reports are due Nov 1, 2016 and are sent directly to the TGC club rating chair.** Betty Edwards 743 N. Cedar Street, Kermit TX 79745
- **President's Reports are due Feb 1, 2017 and are sent directly to the District II Director** Linda Krimm 6949 Hidden Valley Rd, Flower Mound TX 75022
- **SCR award applications are due Feb 1, 2017 and are mailed directly to SCR.** Bobbie Verser 705 Stagecoach Village Circle, Little Rock AR 72210
- *Awards will be processed and judged through the various organizations and results will be announced at the District II 2017 Spring Convention.*

AWARD INFORMATION

- The TGC website <http://texasgardenclubs.org/forms/> contains downloadable award applications and instructions. The NGC site has a fillable application and a sample application <http://www.gardenclub.org/awards/awards-applications.aspx>
- For additional information about awards see the separate handout *District II What's new in contests & awards for 2015-2017(2016 edition)*

DISTRICT II AWARD CATEGORY CHAIRMEN

I will be contacting board members and others about being a category award judge and participating in a group judging event. Volunteers welcome! It will be planned similar to last year with all award applications mailed to me, and group judging of received applications to be held on Mon., Nov 7 (Grapevine) and Fri., Nov 11 (Ft. Worth).

Planning Your Club Year

The most important part of a successful Garden Club year is keeping members informed on topics they enjoy and topics timely to the Garden Club mission. Each year NGC and TGC recommends Clubs have a diversified selection of programs. Topics should include Design, Horticulture, Community Involvement or Beautification (Arbor Day, Blue Star Memorial, and National Garden Week), Birds, Butterflies, and Insects. You might want to consider a recycling program in support of TGC President, Carol Moore.



The topics are endless but many times speakers are hard to find. Many of you find speakers through Master Gardeners, your county extension office or someone in your community. It would be great to have a District "Speakers List" of known presenters from the area. I hope when you find a good speaker, you will share the contact information with other Clubs so we can expand the lists of educational presenters.

TGC Wildscape/Pocket Gardens

Recently several District 2 Club members met with Veronica Wingen, District 2 Trustee and Chairman of the Pocket/Wildscape Gardens and Bobbie Mason, District 10 Trustee. The purpose of the meeting was to review and answer questions about proposed consolidation of the individual Club accounts for the Headquarters Pocket Gardens. Work on the Pocket Gardens continuously takes place, causing a nightmare to keep the billing straight for each Club's individual account.

Much of the ongoing work involves establishing the bones of the garden, general maintenance, general weeding, tree trimming and removal and mulch for delineated paths. The Trustees are asking Clubs with individual Pocket Garden accounts to consolidate their monies into one overall maintenance account. Several Clubs in the Districts have already agreed to this proposal. Clubs who intend for their individual accounts to remain separate, should email Keith Moffett, Chairman TGC Trustees, stating their intention. As a courtesy, please copy Veronica Wingen and Linda Krimm on the email you send to Keith. If you have questions concerning your Pocket Garden, contact Linda Krimm, lkrimm01@gmail.com or Veronica Wingen jwingen@yahoo.com

You do not need an individual pocket garden to support the Texas Garden Clubs Pocket Garden/Wildscape project. Contribute directly to the project by sending a check to TGC Headquarters. On the memo line, write "Wildscape/Pocket Gardens" so your donation is credited correctly.

District 2 Officers

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NGC President: Sandra H. Robinson

960 Maple Grove Road, London, KY 40744

606-878-7281 sandyr5342@gmail.com

Theme: Leap into Action

Website: www.gardenclub.org

The President's Special Project for the 2015-2017 administration is "Service in Action".

Its purpose is to promote the protection of bees, butterflies, and frogs through conservation, education, Backyard habitats, roadside plantings, and publications.

SCR Director: Barbara S. Baker

4104 Harlanwood Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76109

817-927-4668 bbgardenclub@yahoo.com

website: www.ngcscr.com

Theme: L E A P (Leadership-Education-Achievement-Promotion)

Regional Project: Protecting the Migratory Path of the Monarch Butterfly

Our four states: Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas will network with Monarch Watch to distribute educational materials and plant host and nectar plants. www.monarchwatch.org

TGC President: Carol Moore

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903-729-4700 cam7@usa.com

Website: www.texasgardenclubs.org

Theme: TAKE A LEAP FORWARDreuse and recycle to protect our Earth's precious resources

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Bert Pool, office manager tgcoffice@aol.com

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Theme: Environmental improvements begin with a LEAP in Leadership, Education, Action and Purpose

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