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# KEEPING IN TOUCH



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## President's Postcard

### **GAY AUSTIN**

**Milwaukee!** That is where you will find your National Garden Club friends on May 12 - 15 for the 2020 NGC Annual Convention Perfect Vision 2020. Come early for the Tri-Refresher on May 11 and learn about the Great Lakes ecology, Jens Jensen and others. You will hear firsthand from Will Radler on how he developed the famous Knockout® rose. Everyone is welcome; you do NOT have to be a refreshing consultant to attend. After the convention, you can learn how to make botanical arts - jewelry in a special workshop or see the newly renovated International Crane Foundation.

During the convention, along with meeting old friends and new friends, you have the opportunity to learn how to turn your plants into superstars with author Dan Heims, hear how Dr George Archibald founded the International Crane Foundation and laugh along with author Jan Bills owner of "Two Women and a Hoe." Kathleen Hawryluk will inspire you with her creative floral designs. You can attend workshops and expand your knowledge of mushrooms, trees, photography and the dreaded jumping worm.

Milwaukee and Wisconsin is home to many things and you get to see them up close and personal on tours of a Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Milwaukee County Zoo, Harley-Davidson & Milwaukee Brewing Company, Cedar Creek Winery, Schlitz Audubon Nature Center & Urban Cheese Factory, EAA Museum & Veterans Military Museum, Johnson & Case Manufacturing, Milwaukee Art Museum and Kohler Design Center - whew, there's something for everyone! See page 16 for registration information - the deadline is April 1. Looking forward to seeing you with *Perfect Vision* in Milwaukee.



Former President Sandy and President Gay with a friend on the NGC Canadian Rockies tour.

## **KNOW YOUR REGIONS & INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES**

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# Regions & IA

## DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

Above: Late Spring in the Midwest, Below: Region Logos



**Jodi Meyer, Central Region, Bee a Petal Pusher!** Central Region Garden Clubs will seize the moment to “Bee a Petal Pusher” by encouraging individual clubs to combine two or more different projects or programs into one club project. The bundling of projects will double the delight and outcome to club members and communities. It is the club’s opportunity to take advantage of the different grants, projects, and awards offered by National Garden Clubs, Inc., State Garden Clubs and Central Region Garden Clubs, Inc. Cash awards will be given at the State level and at the individual club level.

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- ★ **States in Region:** Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin
- ★ **What makes your Region different from others?** States of Illinois and Indiana border the Ohio River at the southern portions of their states. The Mississippi River is in Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota and to the north is International Falls at the Canadian border in Minnesota. Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and Lake Erie are to the north and east of Michigan. Weather changes from day to day with summer like weather one day to snow, sleet or rain the next. You live and learn to be flexible.
- ★ **What is the most daring thing you have ever done?** I was always afraid of public speaking; my speech class was the world’s worst. I challenged myself by taking that first office in the garden club. It was a nerve wrecking experience. Club President led to District Director, State President and now Central Region Director. I am glad I have somewhat overcome those feelings. I know I am not the best, but I have faced my fear of public speaking. I remind myself what a wise woman once said, “There are no Garden Club Police.” Seemed funny at the time. It is very true; think about it.
- ★ **Anything else?** Personally I am so happy to have had the experience a garden club membership brings to one’s life. Thanks for all the memories! Great people!





# Regions & IA

## DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

Above: US Botanic Garden, Below: State Flowers of Alabama - Georgia



**Gail Corle Manna, Central Atlantic Region, *Seven Together - Planting America!*** 2019-2021 Regional Project is Out Reach-Leadership titled "Growth by Sharing." It is a 5-part project with a goal of each State Club to do projects with the mentoring and expertise of a Region chair. We hope to have participation from all seven States showing how this project improved their members' knowledge and gained/retained

membership via strong leadership. It is a five part project: 1. Liaison to Teachers -Youth Programs, 2. Liaison to Master Gardeners - Education Programs, 3. Liaison to Senior Living Communities - New Clubs/Programs, 4. Leadership Outreach and 5. Mentoring Programs/Sister Clubs

★ **States in Region:** Delaware, Maryland, National Capital Area, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania

★ **What makes your Region different from others?** Our Region is very diverse. From the Atlantic Ocean, Chesapeake Bay, Piedmont areas, Allegheny and Adirondack Mountains, Lake Erie, River bottoms and vast open farmland, our Region has ever-changing growing seasons and plant zones. Our members are urban, suburban and rural thus contributions to our communities are varied. No matter where our members live and roam, they share the joy and satisfaction of being a huge contributor to their communities' beautification. All the membership is very committed to NGC's programs and work together for the good of our organization.

★ **What is the most daring thing you have ever done?** Not sure if this is daring, but I love long distance motorcycling. I have my license, but love to be the passenger on the back of a Harley. Nothing is as calming and relaxing: no phones, no radios, just the calm hum of the bike and the beautiful great outdoors to enjoy and soak-up. Not to mention, hanging onto someone you love while riding is mighty nice. Riding is one of my greatest joys - beside gardening and garden club.

★ **Anything else?** Garden club has been in my life for over 40 years. It is such an important part of who I am and what I love. The friends I have made over those years are a great joy and true treasure. That is why I stress the joy of being a garden club member. The knowledge and experience gained is something always cherished. If we care enough about this organization, we share and mentor our knowledge and keep garden clubs here forever.



# Regions & IA

## DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

Above: Louisiana Swamp, Below State Flowers of Hawaii - Maryland



**Lena Bateman, Deep South Region, *Get Back to Nature, DSGC!*** The Deep South Unified Project is Native Plants, Litter Control and Youth.

★ **States in the Region:** Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee

★ **What makes your Region different from others?** We are in the Deep South, literally, with parts of four of our states as sub-tropical regions affected by the Gulf of Mexico. Alabama, on the Gulf Coast, has mountainous ridges and deep valleys with foothills of the Appalachians. It is known as the only state with all of the natural resources needed to make iron and steel and the largest supplier of steel and pipe. Florida is renowned for its amusement parks, orange crops, winter vegetables and the Kennedy Space Center. It is the flattest state in the USA. Juan Ponce de Leon named the state in tribute to Spain's Easter celebration known as "Pascua Florida" or Feast of Flowers. Georgia is the country's top producer of pecans, peanuts and Vidalia onions. Georgia is known for authors Alice Walker and Margaret Mead along with musicians and bands Ray Charles and R.E.M. Louisiana is famous for its festivals: New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, Bayou Country Superfest and Mardi Gras. Louisiana does not have counties; it has 64 parishes. Lake Pontchartrain Causeway is the world's longest bridge over a body of water. Mississippi is known for its beautiful magnolia trees. It is home to Elvis Presley, Oprah Winfrey, William Faulkner, Tennessee Williams, B.B. King and Jimmy Buffett. Root beer was invented in Biloxi in 1898. Tennessee is the heart of country music. Named for the Yuchi word, "Tana-see," it means Meeting Place. Nashville is home to the longest running live radio show in the world "The Grand Ole Opry."

★ **What is the most daring thing you have ever done?** Considering my fear of heights, you can bet it was not crossing a hanging bridge over the Smokey Mountains. Most recent, I guess was to accept the office of Director for the Deep South Garden Clubs after just ending my Presidency for the Louisiana Garden Club Federation (LGCF).

★ **Anything Else?** It has been a pleasure working with so many garden club members. There are many people to thank for the assistance, knowledge and support from members in my garden club and District, the LGCF, Deep South and a boo-coo member from NGC. THANK YOU!



# Regions & IA

## DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

Above: Classic New England, Below State Flowers of Massachusetts - New Jersey



**Suzanne Bushnell, New England Region, Planting the New England Victory Garden!** All six states in the NEGC are being asked to help fight food insecurity in New England. Individual members and clubs are reporting (using an online donation form on our NEGC website) the amount of fresh fruit, vegetables, herbs, flowers, etc. that they donate during the growing season to organizations that distribute food.

The reporting can be done by weight, servings, or value. Organizations include food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers, schools, and even food trucks.

- ★ **States in the Region:** Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
- ★ **What makes your Region different from others?** The six New England states stretch all the way from the mountains of Vermont to the Canadian border and to the sea. Five of our six states have part of their border on the Atlantic Ocean. So, we have a range of growing zones (according to the USDA zone map). The zones range from the coldest, 3B near the Maine border with Canada, to 7A along parts of the coast of Connecticut and Rhode Island. New Englanders are known for their toughness and individuality. I have found, since moving here 26 years ago, that they are also a very welcoming group.
- ★ **What is the most daring thing you have ever done?** When I was single in the early 1980's and worked for a company in Washington, D.C. that had overseas operations in Asia, I traveled to Hong Kong by myself. While there I took a train trip over the border to Mainland China for the day. One of the stops was at a restaurant where the "bathroom" was literally a hole in the ground. It was a very "enlightening" trip!
- ★ **Anything Else?** My region is blessed to have all four seasons with beautiful perennial gardens from spring to fall. We then have the beauty of the fall foliage season throughout New England which people travel from all over the world to see.



# Regions & IA

## DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

Above: Pacific Coast, Below State Flowers of New Mexico - South Carolina



**Robin Pokorski, Pacific Region, Reconnect to YOUR Pacific Region!** Because I am so tall I need to have two Special Projects – “Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region” focuses on significantly increasing the number of Blue Star Markers in the Pacific Region – each state in the region is asked to install, or refurbish, two markers each year of this term. California, with their large numbers, is asked to install, or refurbish, five markers each year. “Let’s Bring ‘em Back In” focuses on developing resource materials to reconnect with clubs that have not disbanded but have left our federations.

- ★ **States in the Region:** Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington
- ★ **What makes your Region different from others?** Geographical diversity is present from Hawaii to Alaska, from mountains to sea, from desert to tropical rain forest and everything in between. Members live in huge cities, small towns and tiny rural areas.
- ★ **What is the most daring thing you have ever done?** As Director – I doubled the size of our Board of Directors bringing 52 new members from around the region to the region board.
- ★ **Anything Else?** Being Pacific Region Director is like Christmas every day for me. That says a lot considering I put up over 30 Christmas trees!



**Darla Anderson, Rocky Mountain Region, The Grass isn’t Always Greener, Plant America’s Dream in your own Backyard!** Everyone can do something even if it’s changing one patch of lawn into a pollinator garden, adding a bird feeder, or making a water wise parking strip. Take before and after photos of improvements you’ve made.

- ★ **States in the Region:** Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming
- ★ **What makes your Region different from others?** We pride ourselves on being the most “laid-back” region – not taking ourselves too seriously. We are the warmest people with some of the coldest temperatures. Our gardens hibernate for the winter but still manage to produce crops of sunflowers, grains, corn, beans, cherries, apples and soybeans.



# Regions & IA

## DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

Above: Blue Ridge Mountains, Below State Flowers of South Dakota - Wyoming

### Rocky Mountain Region, continued

We are not afraid to get our hands dirty and work hands-on in improving our communities. We experience high winds and dry air. We have high mountains, lush valleys, plains and deserts all of which attract tourists from around the world. We have even hosted the Olympics! Our states' garden clubs are fewer in number with small memberships. The distance between them can be hours. Yet, we hold our own when competing on a National Level and continue to have impressive projects and community involvement. Always up for a challenge, North Dakota volunteered to host the next NGC Fall Board Meeting!

- ★ **What is the most daring thing you have ever done?** I have climbed Mount Fuji, scuba dived the Great Barrier Reef (with sharks) and repelled 75 feet.
- ★ **Anything Else?** Our Region has formed friendships over the years as we look forward to meeting together. There is a feeling of belonging to something bigger that can make a difference in the world.



**Patricia (Patty) Arndt, South Atlantic Region, Jump at Every Opportunity!** Improve our communities through youth involvement and reclaiming unusable spaces. As I became the SAR Director as of December 2019, due to resignation of previous director, I have chosen to continue with the theme that she had chosen. I have a passion for the ideas of her special project, so that fit's beautifully with my own goals for garden clubs of the South Atlantic Region states.

- ★ **States in the Region:** Kentucky - President Donna Smith, North Carolina - President Brenda Crocker, South Carolina - President Trish Bender, Virginia - President Mary Sue Floyd, West Virginia - President Vickie Stedman
- ★ **What makes your Region different from others?** Honestly, since I have no experience in visiting other regions, I do not know what makes us different. However, I do know what makes us strong – our members!
- ★ **What is the most daring thing you have ever done?** That is an easy one – making the commitment to take part in the District, State, Regional and National levels of NGC! It has been so worth the effort. I only wish that more members would “take the plunge” and take part in opportunities that are offered outside of their own clubs.





## Regions & IA

### DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

Above: Big Bend National Park TX,  
Below: Country Flowers of Argentina - Guatemala

#### South Atlantic Region, continued

★ **Anything Else?** I am a native West Virginian, born and raised in Berkeley County in the Eastern Panhandle. Jim and I are married for nearly 33 years. We have a son, Jim, his wife Laura and our grand dog Abby. We are avid vegetable gardeners and raise backyard chickens – 9 hens and our rooster, Bob. I and my oldest nephew own The Phenix Group Property Management managing over 100 residential rentals and Rising Realty our listing and selling side. Yes, there is no “O” in Phenix – long story! I have been a member of West Virginia Garden Club for over 25 years. During this time, I’ve held positions as Club President, District Director, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and WVGCI President from 2013-2015, along with chairing many committees. The best thing from all of this has been the members I have had the privilege of meeting and getting to know. Honestly, I preach this message whenever I speak at any garden club event, “Members will never know the full joy of being a garden club member until they reach beyond their individual clubs.” I appreciate all the support given to me by NGC, SAR States, and WVGCI!



#### **Linda Lawson, South Central Region, Unite Plant America!**

The SCR project for the 2019-2021 term is to unite with another organization, with like aims, to do a special planting.

★ **States in the Region:** Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

★ **What makes your Region different from others?** SCR has only four States. These states are very diverse. Arkansas has the Ozark Mountains going through the north central area. Arkansas also

includes southern forests and the Mississippi delta along its eastern border. New Mexico is home to a section of the Continental Divide and deserts range throughout. Oklahoma has the Cross Timbers running through the state with tall grass prairie gracing the northeast and woodlands enhancing the southeast. Then there are Texas’ north central rich growing soils, southwest arid lands, southeast coastal plains and northeast southern forests. Both Texas and New Mexico are part of the southern border between the USA and Mexico. The people of South Central Region are as diverse as its geography.

★ **What is the most daring thing you have ever done?** I have driven through ice storms to judge a flower show, zip lined in Central America and traveled in a hot air balloon.

★ **Anything Else?** Garden Clubs have been a large part of my life since 1999.





# Regions & IA

## DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

Above: *Tabebuia rosea*, common tree in Latin America  
 Below: Country Flowers of Honduras - Venezuela



**Idalia Aguilar, Liaison to International Affiliates**

- ★ **Countries in NGCIA Region 1:** Mexico
- ★ **Countries in NGCIA Region 2:** Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama
- ★ **Countries in NGCIA Region 3:** Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

★ **What makes your Region different from others?** The 229 International

Affiliate clubs are located in 14 countries with great diversity in culture, geography and climate - mountains to seashores, rainforests to deserts.

★ **Anything else?** Do you know that NGC has a committee called Comité de Actividades de Afiliados Internacionales or COMAAI (Committee of International Affiliate Activities) that efficiently manages three International Affiliated (IA) Garden Club regions in Mexico, Central and South America? Since 2012, COMAAI has developed an internet network with a website as an active communication center and serves as an educational tool, sponsors an online Gardening School and extends IA digital accreditations.

The International Affiliates are active in social media with Twitter and a Facebook page. The page promotes three Study Groups focusing on floral design, horticulture, conservation and our NGC Plant America project. This international networking system promotes NGC objectives in Latin America and the success of the Plant America project clearly defines the importance of our international networking. For more information visit the website [comaai.com](http://comaai.com), Facebook Comaai Clubes de Jardines Internacionales and the Groups: Grupo Comaai Diseño Floral, Grupo Comaai Horticultura y Conservación and Grupo Comaai Plant America.

As International Affiliate Schools Liaison, I believe that NGC Schools also are a binding force that unifies the international regions, serving as a source of continuous education where the IA can become NGC Judges or Consultants. At the Schools, IA members obtain the knowledge and ability to serve as volunteers in their communities across the American continent. Still NGC is miles apart from its International Affiliate Clubs and factors including different languages, politics and cultural diversity can sometimes create misunderstandings, such as delays in paying dues. However, international networking has efficiently helped to erase all frontiers, for NGC members are interested in the bettering our communities, teaching our youth about gardening and floral design while finding methods to protect our Earth. Perhaps you will agree that these “shared interests” have become a unique “Garden Club language” that ALL members clearly understand.





# PLANT AMERICA

MELISSA CANNELL

*Alma Pacheco's family helps with the garden clean-up.*

## ALMA PACHECO MEMORIAL GARDEN

From the fall of 2017 through 2019 a series of volunteer events took place to prepare the Alma Pacheco Memorial Garden site at Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) in Gresham, Oregon. Three hundred and twenty-nine volunteer hours went into this project to remove 500 square feet of stubborn, invasive English Ivy followed by planting the garden with native, pollinator friendly plants and seed.

Alma Pacheco, born in El Salvador, grew up in Portland and was a student at Mount Hood Community College from 2011 to 2015. During her time at MHCC, Alma held active positions on campus including student government president. Alma passed away suddenly in 2016, though she left a legacy behind. Her love of nature, community and MHCC led to the idea of creating Alma's memorial garden - a space for students and the community to enjoy.

The Powell Valley Garden Club supported this project by collaborating with the Sandy River Watershed Council on applying for and being awarded the 2019-2020 Plant America Grant. This funding has brought the project to completion. During the final volunteer event on December 7, 2019, volunteers weeded the garden, sowed a native wildflower seed mix and planted native shrubs. You can read more on this project at [sandyriver.org/projects/alma-pacheco-memorial-garden/](http://sandyriver.org/projects/alma-pacheco-memorial-garden/)



*Family and friends gather to celebrate the garden planting.*

# Environmental Concerns

JACQUELINE CONNELL

## Recycled Shipping Container Farm Uses 99% Less Water

Young entrepreneurs are changing the face of farming on a city street corner in New England. Shawn and Connie Cooney of Corner Stalk Farm are practicing Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) on a street corner in East Boston, MA. Five years ago, they retrofitted old shipping containers with red and green LED grow lights. They added temperature and humidity controls. They now farm hydroponically 365 days a year regardless of the weather outside.

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# IA Horticulture

**IDALIA AGUILAR**



**Dear International Horticultural Consultants:**

It is with great joy, as your international counselor, that I send this note on behalf of NGC President Gay Austin, the National GS Chairman Barbara Hadsell and the International Chairman Patricia Nasrallah to welcome the new NGC Horticulture Consultants in Guatemala.

The knowledge you have acquired in this School will serve to guide you from now on to work with your Garden Clubs, Study Groups and Councils in organizing and promoting horticulture. You will soon be involved in working with educational projects, handling donations, organizing activities, creating partnerships with botanical gardens and joining private or civic horticultural events. Promoting horticulture teaches others that it is the vital instrument needed to beautify and ensure the preservation of the different environments in your country.

President Gay Austin issued a call to participate in Plant America with Trees with the theme “Each One Plant One” allowing us to organize projects of any size that focus on horticulture education, tree donations, tree planting events, existing tree and forest protection and to help repair the loss of trees in the devastating forest fires. In addition, you are invited to take part in the new COMAAI Plant America Facebook Group that will offer an award to each of the IA Regions. The rules are simple write five sentences and include six photos. Check online for more details.

Special thanks to Mariel Blasberg and Blanca Nino and 696 Colibri Study Group for the organization of the GS and having accepted the responsibility to offer NGC’s continuous education system in Guatemala.

Congratulations,

*Idalia Aguilar*





## Life Membership

**BOBBIE VERSER**

*CAR Presidents Sporting State Flowers Hats (L-R): DE Constance Raymond, PA Joyce Milberg, MD Carolyn Braverman, NJ Jeannie Geremia, OH Mary Lou Smith, NCA Cherie Lejeune, NY Victoria Bellias, CAR Director Gail Corle Manna*

**Check it out!** NGC Life Member charms are on sale for only \$3 or order a Life Member pin for \$25. Contact Member Services and order yours today. 1-800-550-6007 or order online at [www.shopgardenclub.org/shop/](http://www.shopgardenclub.org/shop/)

Last year National Garden Clubs, Inc. welcomed fifty-nine new Life Members. Twenty-five of these were in Biloxi to receive their pins from former President Nancy Hargroves during our annual convention. Since returning from that convention, I processed forty-one NGC Life Member applications. These new members are invited to join us in Milwaukee to receive their pins from President Gay Austin during the 2020 convention. New Life Members will be honored during the “Members Appreciation Banquet” on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00pm. If you are a new NGC Life Member, since May of 2019, be sure and make a note of that on your convention registration form.

Take a few minutes to show appreciation to one of your gardening friends or a family member by honoring them with this special membership. You can even purchase a Life Membership for yourself to show your support of NGC Programs and our Permanent Home & Endowment Fund. Your donation continues to help us do great things, as well as maintain our headquarters in St. Louis. Find the Life Member Application Form on the NGC website, [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org). Complete the newly revised form as a fillable pdf, print and mail with your \$200 check to NGC Headquarters. Do not let another year pass without being an NGC Life Member.



## Environmental Concerns

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In contrast to traditional farming, they save enormous amounts of land and water. By hanging plants in 10-foot tall columns, they grow an acre’s worth of lettuce in 320 square feet! For every 1000 plants, they amazingly use a mere 25 gallons of water per week compared with about 1,000 gallons. The environmental benefits do not end there. Because their market is limited to their immediate area, their carbon footprint for shipping is minimal. Although technically not organic because their plants do not grow in soil, they use organic practices including Integrated Pest Management with ladybugs as their number one pest defense. Best of all for their avid customers, they sell delicious heirloom varieties of lettuce with their roots still attached so the plants keep growing until the moment they are enjoyed with very little waste.

# Healing Gardens

**CARCILLE C. BURCHETTE**

Hummingbird visiting the Hilary Grace Healing Garden in Madison, WI

Healing Gardens are passive in contrast to Therapy Gardens yet they provide healing of the mind and body, too! They provide a place for tranquility, reflection and hope. Therapy Gardens are generally part of a treatment program for occupational, physical or horticultural therapy.

How do you feel when you hear the chirp of a little bird or the babbling sounds of water, feel a slight breeze on a hot day, see shadows cast on the ground as the sun peeks through tree limbs, smell the fragrance of a crab apple tree or lush soil after a spring shower? Now there is evidence based research that shows that being in touch with nature is uplifting...healing!

Throughout the centuries, the healing powers of nature have been touted. Doctors would prescribe time in the countryside for those who were sickly. Psychiatric patients appeared calmer after working in hospital fields and gardens. This continued until the 1930's when manmade medicines took the front row seat and keeping close to nature was no longer the trend. Then in 1984, Robert Ulrich, Ph.D., did a study of two groups of patients who underwent the same type of surgery. He discovered that the group who looked out upon nature healed much quicker, needed less medication, had fewer complications and had a greater positive attitude than the group who looked out onto a brick wall. (Full text of Dr. Ulrich's article: <https://www.healthdesign.org/chd/knowledge-repository/view-through-window-may-influence-recovery-surgery>)

Since that eye opening study and others, Ulrich has influenced the designs of healthcare facilities to include gardens and green space. Designs are such that public spaces inside a building connect with the outdoors. Patient rooms have windows that look out onto green expanses. This trend to connect with nature benefits the patients, family members, visitors and hospital staff.

Additional research shows viewing plants or scenes of nature can lower blood pressure, moderate heart activity, and decrease muscle tension in as little as five minutes. Other research shows that about thirty minutes spent in nature daily will 'reboot' the brain. People are more empathetic and kinder. As NGC members, we need to consider more and more to help make healing or therapy gardens a reality in hospitals, hospices, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, assisted living spaces, and even schools.



Planting the Hilary Grace Healing Garden



# National Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Convention May 11-16, 2020 **PERFECT VISION 2020** TENTATIVE SCHEDULE



National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention  
Potawatomi Hotel & Casino  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
May 12-16, 2020

## Monday, May 11, 2020

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

*Dinner on your own*

Registration and Credentials Open

Flower Room

**Tri-Refresher** – Boerner Botanical Gardens

NGC Sales Set-up

Flower Show Set-up

## Tuesday, May 12, 2020

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

*Dinner on your own*

Registration and Credentials

Flower Room

Gardening Schools Committee

Organizational Study Committee

Flower Show Schools Committee

**Tour A – Olbrich Gardens/Ebert's Greenhouse**

**Tour B – Milwaukee County Zoo**

**Tour C – Harley Davidson Museum/Lunch/Milwaukee Brewery**

Vendors and Exhibits Set-up

Finance Committee

**Optional buffet lunch - open to all members (Must pre-register)**

Flower Show Entries Accepted

Environmental Schools Committee

Vendors and Exhibits Open

Sponsorships/Partnerships

Awards Committee

Landscape Design Schools Committee

Executive Committee

**Flower Show judging**

## Wednesday, May 13, 2020

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

8:30 PM – 5:00 PM

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Registration and Credentials

Flower Room

Ribbon Cutting to Open Flower Show

Flower Show Viewing

Membership Committee

Horticulture Committee

Future Conventions/Credentials/Protocol Committee

State Presidents & Region Directors Meeting

Schools Policies Committee

Communications: PRINT & NON-PRINT Committee

Vendors and Exhibits Open

**Tour D – Cedar Creek Winery/Lunch/Shop**

**Tour E – Schlitz Audubon Center/Lunch/Cheese Factory**

**Tour F – EAA Museum/Lunch/Veterans Military Museum**

Nominating Committee

President's Project Committee

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Youth Committee
10:00 AM - 11:30 PM	PH&E Trustees
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Gardening Committee
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Plant America Community Project Grants
10:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Future Fall Board Meeting Com.
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Membership Workshop (Open to all)
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Scholarship Committee
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Golden Circle Committee
<i>Lunch on your own</i>	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Using Social Media for Your Committee (Open to all)
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	<b>Social Hour</b>
<b>7:00 PM – 10:00 PM</b>	<b>Members Appreciation Banquet-Dan Heims, <i>Turning Plants Into Super Stars</i></b>

**Thursday, May 14, 2020**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration and Credentials
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Flower Room
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	<b>Tour G – Case Manufacturing/Lunch/SC Johnson Company (Spouses/Guests)</b>
<b>9:00 AM – 11:45 AM</b>	<b>Opening Business Session</b>
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Flower Show Open for Viewing
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Vendors and Exhibits Open
<b>12:00 PM – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Luncheon and Program with Dr. Archibald Speaker <i>International Crane Foundation</i></b>
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Flower Show Schools' Workshop (State FS Schools' Chairmen, only)
2:15 PM – 5:30 PM	<b>Tour H – Milwaukee Art Museum</b>
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	<b>Seminar 1 - Dan Traas, Arborist <i>How To Get Trees to Thrive, Not Just Survive</i></b>
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM	<b>Seminar 2 - Lindsey Bender, Mycologist <i>The Rotting World of Mushrooms</i></b>
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Rehearsal for Awards Banquet
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	<b>Social Hour</b>
<b>7:00 PM – 10:00 PM</b>	<b>Awards Banquet</b>

**Friday, May 15, 2020**

<b>7:30 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Region Breakfasts</b>
	Central
	Central Atlantic
	Deep South
	New England
	Pacific
	Rocky Mountain
	South Atlantic
	South Central
	International Affiliates and COMAAI
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration and Credentials
9:00 AM – 11:00 PM	International Affiliates and COMAAI Meeting
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Vendors and Exhibits Open
<b>9:15 AM – 11:45 AM</b>	<b>Business Session Continues</b>
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Luncheon and Program with Jan Bills <i>Two Women and a Hoe</i></b>
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	<b>Seminar 3 - Bernadette Williams, Naturalist <i>Jumping Worms</i></b>
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM	<b>Seminar 4 - Kathleen Greiger, Photographer <i>Amazing Pictures From A Different Point of View</i></b>
5:00 PM	Vendors Close
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	<b>Social Hour</b>
<b>7:00 PM – 10:00 PM</b>	<b>Design Banquet with Kathleen Hawryluk <i>Visions From the Past</i></b>

**Saturday, May 16, 2020**

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Natural Jewelry Workshop (Must register in advance.)</b>
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM	<b>Tour G – International Crane Foundation with lunch at the Aldo Leopold Center</b>



**National Garden Clubs, Inc. 2020 Convention  
Potawatomi Hotel & Casino  
1721 W. Canal St. Milwaukee WI 53233  
May 12 – 16, 2020  
Registration – Deadline April 1, 2020**



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- Please check here ONLY if you require a mailed confirmation, all others are sent electronically to the above email address.

Please check all that apply for 2019 – 2021 term of office:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Elected Officer   | <input type="checkbox"/> State President         | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest                              |
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**Registration Fee (MUST include for ANY function, including tours, no refunds on registration fees)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ALL attendees (except WGCF members) for one or more events | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin Garden Club Federation (WGCF) members            | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest for only ONE event                            | \$10 |

**Full-Time Meal Plan**

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|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Package Plan (includes five meals: May 13 Members' Appreciation Banquet, May 14 Lunch & Awards Banquet, May 15 Lunch & Design Banquet) | \$285 |
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**Individual & Optional Meals**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> May 12 Pre-Convention Optional Buffet Lunch ( <b>not</b> included in package plan) | \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 13 Members' Appreciation Banquet   | \$70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 14 Opening Lunch & Program   | \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 14 Awards Banquet  | \$70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 15 Region Breakfast ( <b>not</b> included in package plan)                     | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 15 Lunch & Program   | \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 15 Design Banquet  | \$70 |

**Tours\* – all tours include lunch & transportation unless otherwise indicated; space is limited on all tours.**

- May 12 Tour A: *Olbrich Gardens & Ebert's Greenhouses* \$65
- May 12 Tour B: *Milwaukee County Zoo* \$70
- May 12 Tour C: (Spouses) *Harley Davidson Museum and Milwaukee Brewing Company* \$85
- May 13 Tour D: *Cedar Creek Winery & Historic Cedarburg* \$55
- May 13 Tour E: *Schlitz Audubon Nature Center & Clock Shadow Creamery Cheese Factory* \$82
- May 13 Tour F: (Spouses) *EAA Aviation Museum & Veterans' Military Museum* \$85
- May 14 Tour G: (Spouses) *SC Johnson Company & Case Manufacturing* \$65
- May 14 Tour H: *Milwaukee Art Museum* (does NOT include lunch) \$45
- May 15 Tour I: *All Things Kohler* \$68
- May 15 (optional with Tour I) *Blackwolf Run Golf*, lunch on own, \$290  
Please contact tour chair Laura ([lauraskoff@gmail.com](mailto:lauraskoff@gmail.com)) for more details prior to registering.
- May 16 Tour J: (post-convention) *Aldo Leopold Center & International Crane Foundation* \$80

**Seminars & Workshops\* - included in package plan unless otherwise indicated; please check which seminars you plan to attend. Seminars run consecutively.**

- May 14 Seminar 1: *Getting Your Trees to Thrive, Not Just Survive* \$0
- May 14 Seminar 2: *Proud to Be Part of the Rotting World-Mushrooms* \$0
- May 15 Seminar 3: *Jumping Worms* \$0
- May 15 Seminar 4: *Amazing Pictures from a Different Point of View* \$0
- May 16 Workshop: *Botanical Arts Jewelry 101 & Lunch* (must pre-register, limit of 25) \$175

**\*Please note:** the May 16 tour and workshop are full day events that run concurrently. All tours require a minimum and maximum number of participants. Tour registration deadline is April 1, 2020 12:01AM.

**LATE FEE** \$50

**MUST be included for all registrations postmarked or sent electronically after April 1, 2020 12:01AM**

**Registrations received after May 1, 2020 12:01AM will not be processed or accepted.**

**NO WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED (Thank you!) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make check payable to NGC 2020 Convention and mail with registration form to  
NGC 2020, National Garden Clubs, Inc. 4401 Magnolia Av. St. Louis, MO 63110 [ngc2020registrar@gardenclub.org](mailto:ngc2020registrar@gardenclub.org)

**Dietary Restrictions (allergies only please):**

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**Notes:** NO REFUNDS after April 1, 2020. I understand and accept NGC's refund policy that **NO REFUNDS** are issued after April 1, 2020 and that the remittance will be considered a donation. Refunds requested PRIOR to April 1, 2020 will be subject to retention of the \$50 registration fee.

Please initial your understanding of this policy. \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Information: Please book directly with the hotel.** Room Rate \$139.00/night, free parking  
Potawatomi Hotel, 1611 W. Canal Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233 **Hotel reservation deadline is April 26, 2020**

**Call 1-800-729-7244** Registration Code: *National Garden Club 2020 National Convention* or book online:  
[https://reservations-paysbig.webhotel.microsdc.us/bp/search\\_rooms.jsp](https://reservations-paysbig.webhotel.microsdc.us/bp/search_rooms.jsp) **Use Group Code: NGC06082020**

**Ground Transportation:** The hotel shuttle is on the lower level of the Milwaukee airport. It departs every two hours from 6:32AM until 8:32PM.

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# A Touch of Spring

Pre-Convention 2020 Tri-Refresher



**MAY 11, 2020**

**BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS**

**BOERNER DRIVE, HALES CORNERS, WI**

# A Touch of Spring ~ Schedule

**Monday, May 11, 2020**

Time	Event	Who
7:30	Board Buses - Potawatomi Hotel & Casino	Laura Skoff, Tours Chair
8:00 - 8:30	Registration at Boerner Botanical Gardens	
8:30 - 8:40	Welcome & Introductions	Vern Lowell, Tri-Refresher Co-Chair
8:40 - 9:40	Going the Distance - The Knock Out® Rose Journey	Will Radler
9:40 - 10:40	Water in a Changing World: a Great Lakes Perspective	John Berges
10:40 - 10:50	Break	
10:50 - 11:50	Natural Water Treatment and Sustainability	Chris Schultz
11:50 - 1:00	Lunch & Program	
12:00 - 1:00	Boerner Botanical Gardens History & the Environment	Shirley Dommer Walczak
1:00 - 2:00	Jens Jensen: Landscape Design & The Clearing	Nancy Aten
2:00 - 2:10	Break	
2:10 - 4:10	Boerner Botanical Gardens - Guided Tour	Friend of Boerner Docents
4:10 - 4:30	Photos and Shopping	
4:30	Board Buses - Boerner Botanical Gardens	
5:00	Arrive Potawatomi Hotel & Casino	



Boerner Botanical Gardens, photo courtesy of Milwaukee County

# A Touch of Spring - Presenters



## Nancy Aten

Nancy Aten, PLA, ASLA is a landscape architect practicing ecological restoration and conservation planning at her firm, Landscapes of Space in Wisconsin, and serves as a consulting landscape architect for The Clearing in Ellison Bay, Door County. Nancy is a notable expert on the work of Jens Jensen. She will

introduce us to Jensen's design experience and key threads to his approach, as they are understood today and implemented at the Clearing, a Folk School in Ellison Bay, a place thought to be his masterpiece. Nancy has an MS of Landscape Architecture with distinction from the University of Georgia, an earlier MS from Stanford University and a BS from the UW-Milwaukee.



## John Berges

Dr. Berges earned his PhD in Biological Oceanography from the University of British Columbia and did his postdoctoral work at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He lectured at Queen's University Belfast before becoming a Professor in both the Department of Biological Sciences and the School of Freshwater Sciences at UW-Milwaukee. His presentation will include an over-

view of fresh-waters on our planet, their rarity and importance, current threats to freshwaters and our Great Lakes in particular. He will include information on our International Joint Commission and the important roles community involvement plays in freshwater ecology.



## Shirley Dommer Waleczak

Shirley is the Garden Director for Boerner Botanical Gardens. She received her BS from UW River Falls in Agronomy and Horticulture. She brings over 34 years of experience in public horticulture management including overseeing garden collections and resources, supervising staff and volunteers. offering professional development, repre-

senting public agencies within the media and directing fiscal operations. The gardens feature formal gardens, one of the largest crab apple gardens in Wisconsin, a rose display garden with over 500 roses, individual gardens including herbs, annuals, shrubs, dillies and peonies.



## William Radler

Take a seat and enjoy the inspirational tale of the Knock Out Rose (R) as told by its creator Will Radler. Will's award winning Rose has revolutionized the rose industry for its low-maintenance qualities e.g., impervious to bugs and black spot, repeat blooming from frost to frost, winter hardiness and self-cleaning. It is now the industry

standard and the most widely sold rose in the world. Radler graduated from the UW-Madison with a BA in Landscape Architecture and spent the next 26 years with the Milwaukee County Park System, 13 years of which was as the Director of Boerner Botanical Gardens. He now pursues his passion for rose and plant breeding full-time. In 2002, Will formed Rose Innovations, LLC that focuses on research and development, education and philanthropy. He has authored the booklet *Rose Growing Simplified*, currently out of print, and co-authored the book, *Rose Gardening*, available but out of print. Will is featured in several other books focusing on roses.



## Chris Schultz

Chris is a Certified Public Manager (CPM) earning his credentials thru the University of Wisconsin in 2010. In 2019, he earned his Envision Sustainability Professional credential thru the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure. He is a Senior Project Manager in the Planning, Research and Sustainability (PRS) Division for the Milwaukee

Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD). He serves as the lead project manager on the Green Infrastructure Partnership Program, a funding program for green infrastructure implementation and as the Director of MMSD's Fresh Coast Resource Center.



**Thank you for attending the Pre-Convention 2020 Tri-Refresher sponsored by the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation. Please enjoy the rest of your time in Milwaukee and the NGC Convention *Perfect Vision 2020*. Gardeners can save the Universe! Join us to gain some new ideas.**

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**National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Tri-Refresher – NGC Pre-Convention**

Sponsored by **Wisconsin Garden Club Federation**  
**Monday, May 11, 2020 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**



**Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Dr., Hales Corners, WI**

**Limited to 90 people**

**Registration deadline: April 1, 2020**

The Tri-Refresher cost is \$125, which includes all admission fees, tours, speakers, lunch and transportation. Additionally, those refreshing must pay \$5.00 for each school refreshing. Buses leave Potawatomi Hotel at 7:30 and return at 5:00. Tours take place, rain or shine, so dress appropriately. Layers suggested and no open toe shoes. This event is open to all. Please complete this form and send with your check as indicated. **Please print or complete as a fillable pdf or register online: <https://ngc2020tri-refresherbywgcf.eventbrite.com>**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
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**REQUIRED** Most recent Consultant Refresher record:

Gardening School: Event \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental School: Event \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**REQUIRED** Please check school(s) in which you are a Master\*. If you are NOT a Master, then check ONE School in which you are accredited to refresh.

Environmental School                       Gardening School                       Landscape Design School

(\*Master Consultants may refresh in any school in which he/she is a master by paying \$5.00 per school.)

**Please Check** your lunch choice:

**Country Club:** (ham, turkey, lettuce & tomato on cornmeal roll)

**California Avocado:** (arugula, tomato, avocado, black bean spread & chipotle mayo, Ciabatta roll )

**Southwest Chicken:** (chicken breast, pepper jack cheese, avocado, chipotle mayo, on Telara bread)

**Food Allergies:**

**Tri-Refresher Fee: \$125.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**#School(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$5.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Information: [geriannewgcf@gmail.com](mailto:geriannewgcf@gmail.com) (Sorry, no refunds after April 1, 2020)

Please mail registration form and your check **payable to WGCF:**

WGCF Tri-Refresher c/o Gerianne Holzman, 7437 Terrace Av, Middleton, WI 53562-3154

# Calendar of Events

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS PRESIDENT GAY?

Mar 18 – 20	South Atlantic GC Meeting	Greenville, SC
April 5 – 7	Missouri State Meeting	Cape Girardeau, MO
April 8 – 10	South Central GC Meeting	Little Rock, AR
April 11 – 14	Alabama State Convention	Gulf Shores, AL
April 14 – 16	Deep South GC Meeting	Tampa, FL
April 16 – 18	Florida State Convention	Tampa, FL
April 19 – 20	Arkansas State Convention	Little Rock, AR
April 25 – 28	Illinois State Convention	Naperville, IL
May 10 – 16	NGC Annual Convention	Milwaukee, WI
May 27 – 30	Tennessee State Convention	Murfreesboro, TN

## SCHOOLS THROUGH MAY - START DATES

### ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL

Mar 9	CR 3	<a href="#">Nancy Fulk</a>	PA
Mar 17	CR 1	<a href="#">Gloria Whyte</a>	MO
April 1	CR 4	<a href="#">Linda Harris</a>	MD
April 7	CR 4	<a href="#">Barbara Magnusson</a>	FL
April 28	CR 3	<a href="#">Nancy Stark</a>	MI

### FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Mar 1	CR 2	<a href="#">Carol Ullerich</a>	KY
Mar 8	CR 1	<a href="#">Trish Summers</a>	NC
Mar 15	CR 4	<a href="#">Joanne Nelson</a>	FL
Mar 19	CR 3	<a href="#">Carole Whited</a>	TN
Mar 23	CR 3	<a href="#">Poss Tarpley</a>	MD
Mar 24	CR 1	<a href="#">Glenda Tolson</a>	AR
Mar 24	CR 3	<a href="#">Joyce Cochran</a>	TX
Mar 31	CR 3	<a href="#">Nancy Harris</a>	TN
April 14	CR 2	<a href="#">Jill D. Malcolm</a>	MA
April 28	CR 3	<a href="#">Susie Middleton</a>	MD
May 6	CR 3	<a href="#">Carol English</a>	NJ
May 20	CR 1	<a href="#">Deborah Wyght</a>	OH
May 22	CR 3	<a href="#">Marie Pasley</a>	MO

### GARDENING SCHOOL

Mar 7	CR 1	<a href="#">Berni Hendrix</a>	CA
Mar 9	CR 2	<a href="#">Carol Bullard</a>	MS
Mar 11	CR 2	<a href="#">Mary Jo Schlomann</a>	PA
Mar 11	CR 3	<a href="#">Carol Bullard</a>	MS
Mar 28	CR 2	<a href="#">Berni Hendrix</a>	CA
April 2	CR 3	<a href="#">Joy DiMaggio</a>	MA
April 13	CR 3	<a href="#">Debbie Angel</a>	WA
April 15	CR 3	<a href="#">Yvonne McCormick</a>	IA
April 18	CR 4	<a href="#">Berni Hendrix</a>	CA
May 5	CR 4	<a href="#">Carol Bullard</a>	MS

### LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Mar 10	CR 2	<a href="#">Terese Blake</a>	NJ
Mar 16	CR 3	<a href="#">Sheryl Perkins</a>	FL
Mar 18	CR 4	<a href="#">Sheryl Perkins</a>	FL
Mar 23	CR 3	<a href="#">Linda Ellinghausen</a>	IL
Mar 24	CR 2	<a href="#">Karin C. Ohr Pyskaty</a>	CT
Mar 25	CR 3	<a href="#">Roberta DuBeshter</a>	NY
April 7	CR 4	<a href="#">Josie Raborar</a>	MO
April 14	CR 3	<a href="#">Jim Mullen</a>	KY
April 28	CR 4	<a href="#">Judy Howerton</a>	GA
May 8	CR 1	<a href="#">Joyce Hendricks</a>	MT
May 19	CR 2	<a href="#">Jan Mitchell</a>	WV

### MULTIPLE REFRESHERS

April 14	Tri	<a href="#">Barbara Hadsell</a>	FL
April 24	Tri	<a href="#">Virginia Allen</a>	GA
May 11	Tri	<a href="#">Vern Lowell</a>	WI

### FLOWER SHOW SYMPOSIUM

There are no Symposia through May 2020. See [NGC website](#)

## Calling All Century Clubs!

Is your garden club one hundred or more years old? If so, we want to highlight YOU in the next issue of *Keeping in Touch*. Please send me your club name, city and state along with your year of founding. If possible, please include a photo and two club highlights. Send to [geriannewgcf@gmail.com](mailto:geriannewgcf@gmail.com). Thanks.

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# Sitting on the Porch

**GERIANNE HOLZMAN** SPRING! Can you feel it in the air in your part of the world? Here in Wisconsin, we continue to be covered in a blanket of snow that seems like it will never go away. That is the way of the north, however. We love those first snowflakes in the late fall and even a winter storm or two that keep us bundled in our homes for a day. Then comes February and even March and we only see dirty snow and hate to see more come with the need to, once again, clear the driveway. However, the cardinals have been sing-

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Wishing for Spring

ing, a bit of warm southern air has made it our way and a friend just posted images of snowdrops popping up in his yard. Yes! Spring is on the way. With spring, NGC comes north. We look forward to welcoming you to Wisconsin. Please Keep in Touch!

*Spring is when you feel like whistling,  
 even with a shoe full of slush.*

Doug Larson