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Holidays at the Maryland State House



The Maryland State House Holiday Tree & Wreath Project features Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland designs from our 23 Counties and Baltimore City. The project was initiated in 2015 by First Lady Yumi Hogan and continued through Governor Larry Hogan's term (2015-2022), except during the Covid years in 2020-2021. Our current First Lady, Dawn Moore has chosen to continue this wonderful Annapolis holiday tradition during Governor Wes Moore's term in office. Each December, with great joy and enthusiasm, Federated Garden Club members arrive from all over Maryland to transform the State House Rotunda into a holiday delight.

State Circle Wreaths Donated by Garden Clubs

Historic Annapolis dresses up for the holidays. Every lamppost, shop, and restaurant is decorated with lighted garland and wreaths. Each December, the MD State Building & Grounds Department requests the donation of live evergreen wreaths to decorate the old treasury building and the 33 lampposts around State Circle. The Naval Academy Garden Club coordinates the effort, contacting the area Garden Clubs to provide wreaths to help beautify Annapolis for the holidays. This year, 17 area clubs participated in the project! Anchorage, Bayside Bloomers, Cape St Clair, Chartwell, Crofton Greenery, Crofton Village, Forest Garden Club, Four Rivers Garden Club, Garden Club Of Annapolis, Garden Club of Old Towne Annapolis, Gibson Island, Hillsmere, Hollyberry, Moonflower, Naval Academy Garden Club, Shipley's Choice, and Wardour Garden Club.



A State House Reception Room Mantle designed by GC member Claire Jones



Diana Bonner, Past State President
Susie Middleton, State President
Megan McGinn-Meals, Event Coordinator

Holiday Tree & Wreath photos by Tina Swanson, *Gardenews* Editor
The group photos with Maryland's First Lady Dawn Moore are courtesy of the "Executive Office of the Governor".

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Courtesy of
Leonard and Phyllis Attman

Worcester County



Worcester County Garden Club



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The Garden Club of Cumberland



Anne Arundel County



Naval Academy Garden Club



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Four Seasons Garden Club



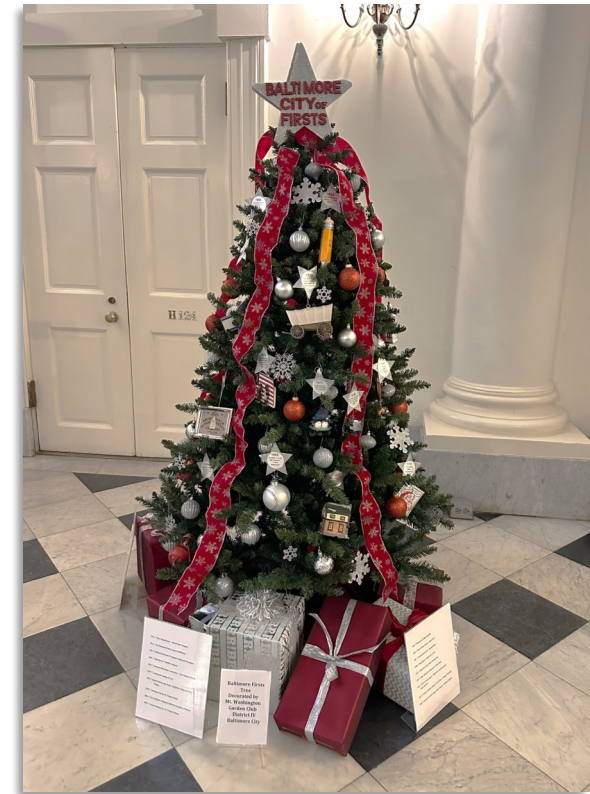
Washington County



Town and Country Garden Club



Baltimore City



Mount Washington Garden Club



Baltimore County



Lutherville Garden Club



Talbot County



Oxford and Talbot County Garden Clubs



Somerset County



Somerset County Garden Club



Calvert County



Chesapeake Garden Club



Caroline County



*Caroline County Garden Club
A non-Federated Garden Club in Caroline County*



St. Mary's County



St. Mary's County Garden Club



Queen Anne's County



Kent Island & Queen Anne's County Garden Clubs



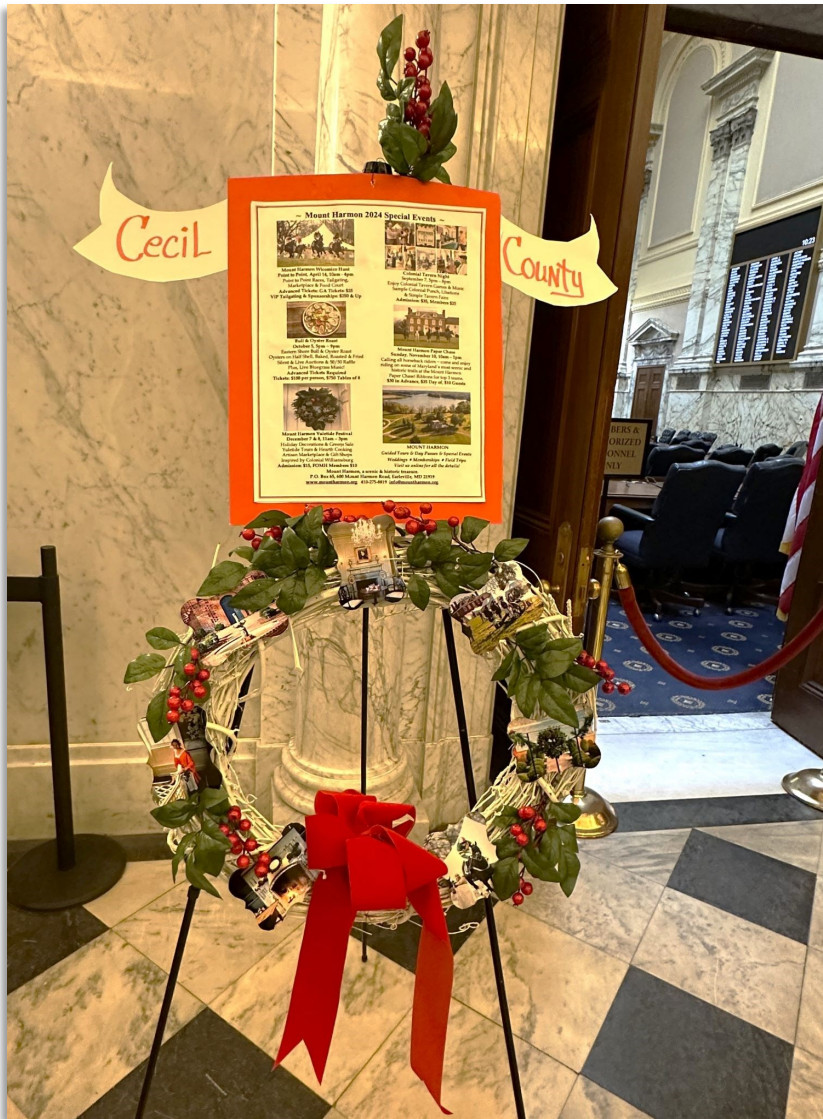
Carroll County



Mt. Airy, Carroll & Silver Fancy Garden Clubs



Cecil County



Designer Beryl Kemp - Chestertown Garden Club

Prince George's County



Forest Garden Club



Montgomery County



The Garden Party Garden Club

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Charles County



LaPlata Garden Club



Dorchester County



Dorchester Garden Club



Kent



Chestertown Garden Club



Howard



Cross Country, Dorsey Hall & Howard County Garden Clubs



Frederick County



Green-walled GC, Tasker's Chance GC & GC of Frederick



Garrett County



Mountain Laurel Garden Club



Harford County



Country Garden Club of Harford County

