

CAR Review



Monica Hansen, Director



From Our Director:

**Theme: TOGETHER WE'LL PLANT AMERICA
FOR A CLEANER, GREENER
AND HEALTHIER WORLD!**

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My goodness, if anyone had doubts about global warming, think they may have been put to rest this summer! Trust you are all staying well and spending time enjoying family and friends. I've enjoyed getting to know many of you these past few months and look forward to meeting and being with more of you as time goes on.

Thank you to all who agreed to serve on our Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs' Board – I know that many of you are still so incredibly involved with your own garden club/state garden club and NGC so really appreciate you agreeing to take the time to work with us. I think it's important to note that if you are a member of a garden club belonging to one of our seven states in the Central Atlantic Region, you are automatically a member of the Central Atlantic Region. As a Region, we are here to work with all our members, share knowledge with each other, and serve as a resource to enhance your time and enjoyment in a garden club. We are all here to work with and help each other to expand our knowledge and derive more fulfillment from being in a wonderful garden club.

Margaret Woda, our webmaster guru, has worked extremely hard getting our website updated with information about our board members and their positions, award information, and of course, information about our Conference and Tri-Refresher. Some of this information, due to privacy issues, is on our members only portion and our CAR-SGC State Presidents and Board Members have the members only password and I have asked them to disseminate it to their respective board members to share with you all. It is important that all our CAR-SGC Board members interact with the people from their states so that information can be passed along to our members and questions and issues shared and discussed. That is one of the

most important ways we can continue to grow as a Region.

As Vikki Bellias, our Alternate Director and Fall Conference Chair, mentions in her write up, we have had a great turn out for our 2023 CAR-SGC Conference, "Seven Strong on a Fall Adventure" and Tri Refresher, but there's still room for you! But please get your registrations in soon as the closing date is September 21. And as Vikki mentions in her write up, we hope you'll join us for a Halloween night on Tuesday when our NGC President Brenda Moore joins us for a fun evening. I know of a skeleton coming so make no bones about it – come and have a wonderful time with new and old friends.

**Monica Hansen,
CAR-SGC Region Director 2023-2025**

**CAR-SGC DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
FOR 2023-2025**

Please welcome the new CAR-SGC Director, Monica Hansen, for the upcoming term 2023-2025. The new Director and Alternate Director are from the great state of New York.

Garden Club Yearbook Chairs have been asking for CAR-SGC information to print in their yearbooks. Please pass this information along to your Yearbook Chairs.

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The 2023-2025 Administration assumed office at the close of the National Garden Clubs Convention at the Greenbrier on May 4, 2023.

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**CAR Members at the NGC Convention
at the Greenbrier**



Incoming State Presidents



From the National Capital Area



From Maryland



**SEVEN STRONG
ON A FALL ADVENTURE**

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES

**SEVEN STRONG
ON A FALL ADVENTURE**

Our Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs will be holding our 2023 Conference in Corning, New York October 23 - 26, 2023. We will be incorporating a Tri-Refresher at this Conference.

Preconference events, October 23, 2023
Conference, October 24 and 25, 2023
Exciting tours, October 26, 2023.



**CAR-SGC Conference & Tri-Refresher
October 23 – 26, 2023**

**2023 CAR-SGC Conference,
“Seven Strong on a Fall Adventure”**

The Federated Garden Clubs of New York State is pleased to host the 2023 CAR-SGC Conference, “Seven Strong on a Fall Adventure”.

The CAR-SGC 2023 Annual Conference & Tri-refresher will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Corning, NY (previously Radisson). The Main Conference will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 24-25, 2023. Join the fun and spooky activities on Monday, October 23rd and the exciting fall adventure tour planned for Thursday, October 26th. We are combining the requirements for a tri-refresher into the conference program with interesting speakers on a variety of topics.

All of the information is featured on the CAR-SGC website <https://www.car-sgc.org/conference-2023> and is being updated periodically. We have interesting lectures featuring a live animal talk, landscape design and native plants. There will be a featured design presentation luncheon emphasizing NGC designs by Frances Thrash. You are all invited to a costume dinner on Tuesday with Brenda Moore, NGC President. Bring a costume small or large and celebrate our partnership with youth. Brenda Moore, is the author of the NGC Children’s Book series and

our NGC President. Her latest children’s book, My Green is Gone, and her previous books will be available at the conference.

Our Thursday bus trip features various sites such as Taughannock Falls with terrific views and a park ranger tour/talk. Visit the Cornell University botanical garden and an organic farm tour to learn and enjoy the area. A lunch stop at a local vineyard to visit and shop at their wine tasting room/gift shop rounds out the trip.

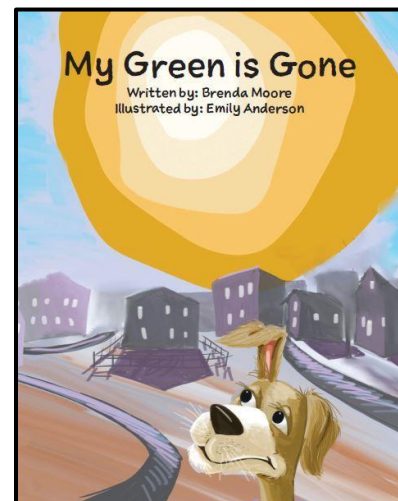
There are interesting museums, local shops, and golf courses available for spouses or guests. Visit our vendors for some interesting floral items or unique gifts. We will have drawings for our state baskets as well as for the floral

designs. Participants are welcome to attend all activities and trips regardless of plans to take the tri-refresher for credit.

We can’t wait to have you visit beautiful Corning for a fun Fall Adventure!

**Victoria Bellias,
CAR-SGC 2023 Convention Chairman**

**Brenda Moore will discuss her book
My Green is Gone**



From Our States: Delaware



Delaware Garden Clubs were challenged to “Bee Aware, Bee Involved, Bee Kind”, and they have risen to the challenge. Clubs are planning creative and educational programs enhanced by community projects. DFGC clubs are

recognizable in their communities. Many clubs meet throughout the summer months maintaining community gardens and historic sites. Their visibility generates interest in becoming a garden club member.



**Milford Garden Club's Blue Star Memorial
dedicated in May 2023
Photo by Marge Huntzinger**

Milford Garden Club dedicated a Blue Star Memorial in May, and two more clubs have their marker dedications on the calendar. The DFGC is working with the Delaware River and Bay Authority to replace a damaged marker.

Through our President's Project, we are partnering with the Delaware Association for Environmental Education to provide grants to schools to create outdoor learning spaces. “Bee Outside” will create opportunities for children to learn and interact with nature. Grants are available to any school or youth group in the State of Delaware to promote meaningful experiences with the outdoors and protecting the environment. Projects may include pollinator gardens, vegetable gardens, compost centers, and areas for children to learn outdoors.

A loveliness of Delaware ladybugs will be swarming toward Corning, NY for the CAR Conference in October. We are looking forward to the learning experiences and the companionship of our fellow gardeners.

**Ginny Cardona, President,
Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**



Moonflower Garden Club in the Hockessin July 4th Parade

Our small state is abuzz with activity. Close to 30% of our clubs have recently had or are planning flower shows.



**Garden Gate Garden Club's Flower Show
“It's Not Easy Being Green”,
Horticulture Excellence and Design Excellence
Photos by Jenna Christy and Laura Snead**

Maryland

Did you know that the recent UN report on Climate Change says “The world is likely to pass a dangerous temperature threshold within the next 10 years, pushing the planet past the point of catastrophic warming?”



Susie Middleton

We are all too aware of the effects of climate change on our planet: record breaking temperatures worldwide, drought, mud slides, severe flooding, forest fires, ice melt, loss of wildlife, the list goes on. With that

awareness, our State's theme for 2023-25 is **"Sustaining Maryland ...one Action at a Time"**. Over the next two years we will work with Districts, Clubs and our members to identify areas where we can make a difference.



How?

- In April our Earth Day event featured speakers on a range of topics:
 - Biodiversity: why we need it; the role of gardeners in rebuilding.
 - Beavers as a keystone species and the work being done to restore wetlands.
 - "Survival by Degrees: 389 Birds on the Brink". highlights projected changes in bird populations because of climate change and other factors.
 - The Importance of Old-Growth Forests
 - Update on the Clean Water Act "Five Decades of Clean
- We established the Climate Action Committee which will map out a strategy to make our clubs more knowledgeable about climate issues and what we can do to mitigate the problems we face. Via ZOOM and a live conference, we will discuss the problems with water, air, carbon, plants and wildlife as well as best practice ideas to implement.
- In addition, we will be offering grants to Garden Clubs that want to implement programs that will benefit the environment.

Post COVID, Maryland Clubs are settling to the new normal with an active schedule including installation of Blue and Gold Star Markers in Cumberland, 2

courses of Garden School, nine flower shows, and this fall we will offer training for members to give wildlife educational programs for Youth K-Grade 12.



Blue/Gold Star installation – pictured l to r Mayor Raymond Morris, Former Presidents Anna O'Kelly and Diana Bonner, Susie Middleton.

Photos from Susie Middleton

Susie Middleton, President, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland

Project for SEED School

As incoming State President for the term 2021-2023, I was looking for a project. A call came into our state office from the SEED School of Maryland asking if we could plant some flowers to brighten the campus. The SEED School is in a former Baltimore City High School and is Maryland's only public college-prep boarding school for motivated students grades 6-12. Around 400 students live on campus during the school year 24-5. Approximately 90% of graduates go on to college.

After meeting with school faculty, I visited the school to select a site for a landscape project. A large grassy square area across from the front doors offered a blank canvas. Another member of my club accompanied me, and with her CAD experience, we came up with a plan. We have both completed the Landscape Design School courses and this was a perfect location to put our skills to work.

Individuals, clubs, councils, and the State with matching funds answered the requests for donations.



The one restriction we were given was that we couldn't move a small (12" x 8") stone marker. Since it was virtually hidden, we decided to build a labyrinth around it to enhance it.

Before School counselors thought it would be a great place to work with students adjusting to campus living. Based on our plan, the labyrinth was installed in Spring of 2022 by a local paver company. Two pollinator gardens were installed this year in June by a landscaping company that specializes in native plantings. Plant labels with QR codes will be added to complete the project.



The Labyrinth



Finished plantings Photos by Anna O'Kelly

The school is very happy with the new look. We have reduced lawn, created a wildlife habitat, educated students about biodiversity, and created a welcoming front yard.

Anna O'Kelly, Former President Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland

National Capital Area



Barb Kiker

The National Capital Area Garden Clubs celebrated April with the installation of our new board. There was no doubt that the star of the event was Karen Brace with Sweet Pea, an opossum. Incoming Region Director Monica Hansen did our installation, and we were pleased to have Dr. Richard Olsen from the National Arboretum as our guest.

"Shining the Spotlight on Our Local Treasures"



Incoming Officers

Sweet Pea, the opossum



Our Districts provided delightful and energetic meetings celebrating their new administrations.

District I: *Discover a world of flowers, fun, friends, and more!*

District II: *Growing and Learning Together for a Green Future*

District III: *PLANT AMERICA: Nurture Nature*

District IV *Develop a passion for learning and you will never cease to grow.*

We have had a wonderful summer with tons of activities. Our Landscape Design School was invited

to tour Longwood Gardens hosted by their incredible Karl Gercens. The Garden Club of Lake Ridge designed and opened a Children’s Garden. More and more activities are documented on our Facebook Page – redesigned by our talented Cherie Lejeune.



hand out just one bulb to new club members at a fall meeting to plant. In the spring, the new members can share back to the club about the flower and identify their bulb. If a club does not have a new member, they can choose different members to give the bulbs to and see what comes up in the spring.



**Danielle Brabazon,
NCAGC 1st Vice President**



Cherie Lejeune

And Finally! Thanks to our hard-working Finance Committee and Full Board – we have a Budget! Our state Newsletter “In the Know” will be going out to all members on Vertical Response!

**Barb Kiker, President,
National Capital Area Garden Clubs**

New Jersey

It has been a summer of transition as the Garden Club of New Jersey’s new Board was installed at the GCNJ Annual Meeting held on June 6, 2023, in Bridgewater, N.J. With a new Administration came the announcement of our 2023 - 2025 President’s Project ... Plant



Beverly Kazickas

America: Gardening for a Healthy Mind, Body and Soul. Over the next 2 years, 6 grants will be awarded to clubs affiliated with GCNJ to encourage the establishment of programs (or gardens) that promote the benefits of gardening to support physical and mental health.

The 100+ garden clubs of New Jersey are encouraged to embody the slogan “Gardening in The Garden State” as we aim to ensure a bright future for our organization and its members, along with their children, grandchildren and future generations by developing a passion for nature and a desire to protect the environment. Efforts include the promotion of native plants and support of pollinator pathways.

This summer, New Jersey also celebrated the dedication of a Blue Star Memorial Marker in Sparta, N.J. The Snufftown Garden Club sponsored this beautifully landscaped Marker located at the Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The dedication ceremony took place with participation by members of the Snufftown Garden

Daffodils for New Members

Many of our clubs are looking for new members, and if you are like me, I always appreciate an activity. This fall during our State Meeting, I plan to honor a former NCAGC Club President, Lynn Haverkos (Norbeck Manor Garden Club) by presenting each club with a bag of Assorted Daffodil Bulbs. In the fall of 2021, Lynn presented her club members with a daffodil bulb to plant, and then the club held a Daffodil Show this past spring. The show was a lot of fun and her club enjoyed learning about Daffodils. Lynn passed away quite suddenly soon after this show and I thought it would be fun to modify this activity into a New Member Activity. In the bag, there will be 3 -5 different Daffodil Bulbs. The bulbs will not be labeled but the Club Presidents will receive a list of the possible varieties. The Club Presidents would then

Club, The Garden Club of New Jersey, The New Jersey Department of Transportation, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1002 and the Northern New Jersey Veterans.

Numerous meetings, fundraisers, gardening projects and other events were held by local clubs throughout the state.



Floral Arrangement created in honor of GCNJ president by Gail Bassolino



Snufftown Garden Club's newly dedicated Blue Star Memorial Marker



Youth Club Activities on display at the GCNJ Annual Meeting

Beverly Kaickas, President, Garden Club of New Jersey

both CAR-SGC and NGC, Inc. ("Together we will Plant America for a cleaner, greener and healthier world." and "Go Green – Plant America" respectively.)"

So just what is a pollinator pathway? I'll pull that answer straight from the webpage of Pollinator Pathway, an organization based in Connecticut that encourages the formation of these pathways. Pollinator pathways are "Public and private pesticide-free corridors of native plants that provide nutrition and habitat for pollinating insects and birds. Even the smallest green spaces, like flower boxes and curb strips, can be part of a pathway."



Bee on Rose of Sharon

To encourage and actively promote the creation of gardens that will ultimately become part of a pollinator pathway, a new committee has been formed that will work with our districts and clubs to educate their members and the public about the need to create pesticide-free habitats. The chairman will reach out to other committees such as Native Plants; Wildflowers; Bird, Bees & Butterflies; Horticulture; and Landscape Design at both the state and district/club levels to encourage collaboration in the creation of these pathways.

At a time when the agricultural industry and technology are exploring the use of drones to replace lost pollinators rather than correcting the underlying causes of pollinator loss, the building of pesticide-free pathways may seem like a small step towards saving pollinators but that small step, when multiplied into miles of pathways that stretch from one end of the state to the other and even crosses state lines, can make a true difference in the health of our world.

Donna Sessa, President, Federated Garden Clubs of New York State

New York

Pollinator Pathways throughout New York State



Donna Sessa Newly installed FGCNYS, Inc. President Donna Sessa announced this theme at the state convention in Hauppauge, NY, in May of this year. It is a theme which reflects the passion of the FGCNYS members and, indeed, of the greater gardening world and is reflected in the themes of

Ohio



I am honored to be Garden Club of Ohio President and am looking forward to representing Ohio for the next two years. Our clubs are very active in projects for our communities, schools, and working with youth organiza-

Kathy Wagner tions. They have shown great accomplishments in their work and are dedicated to doing their best for the Garden Club of Ohio.

Ohio has a large military presence; our clubs continue to do an outstanding job in our Blue/Gold Star Memorial Marker Program throughout our state. They have been recognized for their efforts by many military organizations.

We held our Spring District Meetings in May. Members were presented with many educational and informative programs and our Spring Designer presented a program on the Art of Ikebana. It was interesting to learn of the many schools of Ikebana Art and the differences in their art. First Vice President Debra Turner and I travel to these district meetings and enjoy meeting all our members and their enthusiasm on their many great club projects.



Town & Country Garden Club - Lebanon OH

NGC Plant America Community Project Grant Award

Congratulations to Town & Country Garden Club-Lebanon for winning the NGC Plant America Community Project Grant Award for their work on the Lebanon Train Station Gardens. What a beautiful area they have created! I am very proud of the exceptional work the club has done.

Kathy Wagner, President, Garden Club of Ohio

Pennsylvania



The Blue Star/Gold Star Marker Program is thriving in Pennsylvania, according to GCFP Blue Star Marker Chair, Karen Faust. She accredits this success to a couple factors: the GCFP's great relationship with the PA

Leanna Ryba Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the willingness of our clubs to sponsor markers. All of the Welcome Centers on the Pennsylvania Turnpike have Blue Star Makers, which were sponsored by GCFP Districts or Clubs. The most recent push is to cover the Welcome Centers at the various state borders. There are only six of those remaining, and two of those are "in the works" according to Karen. In August the Somerset GC will dedicate a Blue Star Marker. District VIII, "our star" will dedicate a marker on Route 80 in September. The Bedford GC plans to dedicate a Gold Star Marker before the end of 2023. A year doesn't go by without a GCFP Club holding a Dedication Ceremony.

Thank you to all who have participated in this worthwhile project. For those who haven't, think about where your District or Club can add a marker in your community to thank all those who have served.



District VIII Director Rosie Lawrence at their Blue Star Dedication Ceremony at a Welcome Center near Lake Erie.

Photo by Leanna Ryba

Leanna Ryba, President, Garden Club of Pennsylvania

Sustainable Gardening

What bizarre weather we have had in NY this spring and early summer! Where I live in western Orange County, NY, we have had an early (March) 95 Degree day, a freeze on May 17 and torrential rain in early July. So, how does one garden sustainably, you may ask?

Even the native plants have taken a beating, containers have become waterlogged, or their contents frozen, early budding fruit trees have lost many of their buds. Will plants survive and even flourish where they have been planted? Do they need a lot of special care and nourishment? Do they tend to become invasive?

My best advice is to try and plant the right plant in the right place and use plants that do well in your climate Zone. Before planting, observe how the sun travels across your property. Use the compass app on your phone to note N, S, E, W exposures. ALWAYS read the tag information on new additions to your garden before placing them. It is so tempting to fill in every empty spot but plants, especially perennials, need room to spread. Native plants always hold up better than cultivated plants. They should be your go to purchases.

Necessity is the mother of invention.

If you have time to cover tender buds on shrubs, do that. I had a pink ITOH Tree Peony that was almost ready to bloom when a frost was predicted. I made mini green houses for each bud out of plastic cups and was rewarded with the exquisite blooms a week later!



Jane Madis, Sustainable Gardening Chair



Bees' Fate May Hinge on Neonics Decision

Despite mounting scientific evidence that neonicotinoid pesticides, also known as neonics, are a leading threat to bees and other disappearing pollinators, the EPA has delayed until later this spring its decision on whether to limit use of the chemicals. National Resources Defense Counsel stands by ready, prepared to challenge the agency both in and out of court if it fails to heed the science protecting the population, ecosystems and endangered wildlife from these chemicals.

For years the EPA has delayed its review of this class of toxic pesticides while bee populations continue to decrease. Neonics are increasingly responsible for the threat to our health and continue to worsen the biodiversity crisis. Prompted by the National Resources Defense Counsel lawsuit, the agency last year released its long overdue evaluation of the impact of one widely used neonic on endangered species. It found imidacloprid likely harms 80% of all threatened and endangered species including many pollinators. We and all environmentalists are waiting for the EPA decision on this dire but vital action. - - NRDC VOICES

***Iris Cisarik,
Birds, Bugs, Butterflies and Endangered Species Chair***

Air Quality

This summer I think most of us in the Central Atlantic Region finally got a taste of what our fellow garden club members in the Western states have been experiencing for years.

One morning I woke up with the faint smell of smoke coming through my open bedroom window. I checked all around the house to see what could be burning but it soon became obvious that it was not my house at all but it was in the air outside and why was it so hazy! I knew there were wildfires burning out of control in Canada but never expected the smoke to travel so far.

Who can forget those photos of New York City enveloped in yellow fog with more air pollution that

day than Delhi, India? Thus my obsession with the Air Quality Index or AQI was born!

So what is the AQI and how do they chart the numbers we are now so familiar with? From information gleaned from *AirNow.gov* I learned there are five major pollutants regulated by the Clean Air Act. The numbers are calculated based on data collected over a period of 24 hours from thousands of monitors across the country. I think we all know by now from the news that particulate matter or PM2.5 in wildfire smoke can be toxic to the body if inhaled and we are getting used to the idea of having to stay inside or curtail our activities on some days.

Nowadays my mornings start with asking my Alexa what the AQI is when I walk by her to make my cup of tea. If she tells me it's under 50, I know it's going to be a great day for weeding!

**Anne Johnston,
Air Quality/Water Conservation Chair**

Organizational Studies Committee

The Organizational Studies Committee (Bette Lewis, Chair; Monica Hansen, Director; Regina Brown, Shirley Nicolai, and Christine Leszosky) is currently working on the CAR-SGC Bylaws to be voted upon at the conference in October. At the request of members of the CAR-SGC Executive Board, the inclusion of the position of Alternate Director is being reviewed. The revised 2023-2025 Standing Rules includes this position.

**Bette Lewis, Chair
Organizational Studies Committee**

Vision of Beauty Calendar

You may be too late to submit a photograph of your design or garden to be considered for inclusion in the VOB calendar (due date August 15) but you have time to plan your submission for next year.

Your design could be traditional, creative, abstract, botanical, artistic craft, seasonal. Perhaps you have a small garden area that you might want to photo, now, in the fall, next spring or early next summer to submit.

Briefly, you must complete the VOB entry form and include a description (30 words or less). The form and a 5"x7" print must be mailed, and also a 5"x7" JPEG image in high resolution (minimum of 1MB) must be provided by email. Photos of a design must be taken in front of a blank seamless background. Do not include any flower show ribbons or entry cards in the image taken.



Complete entry information is on the last pages of the Vision of Beauty Calendar. All submissions are sent and emailed to the **National Garden Club Vision of Beauty Calendar chair Nancy Voyles**.

VOB calendars for 2024 are available for \$10 each (+shipping) in the National Garden Club store on www.gardenclub.org.

**Barbara DeRue,
CAR-SGC VOB Calendar**

CAR-SGC Life Membership Report

We are happy to welcome three new life members to the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs:

- #216 Judy Jackson, GCFP Bedford County Garden Club, honored for her service as club president for the third time
- #217 Paula Winkler, FGCM Charles County Garden Club of Maryland, honored for her service as club president for the second time
- #218 Nancy Moats, NCA Ayr Hill Garden Club, honored for service as District III Director

I am glad that individuals apply for life membership as an effort to support the scholarships that the CAR-SGC awards to deserving candidates. I look forward to awarding pins and certificates to our newest life members at the upcoming conference in New York.

Claire Leichter, CAR-SGC Life Membership

Virtual Resources Team

The Virtual Team is back! An exciting Tech Training opportunity is coming to CAR-SGC members offered by the Virtual Resources Team. Come explore how Artificial Intelligence can streamline some of your club's operations, enrich member experiences, and optimize membership promotions. Embrace the future of this informative, empowering session- ZOOM 10 am ET, September 20, 2023. The ZOOM registration link will be sent to the State Presidents to distribute.

On another fun and educative note, we're in the process of putting together our winter fundraiser: Horticulture Jeopardy! We promise you it will be a wild, exciting, and profitable event. The trivia-packed series of games will showcase the horticulture prowess of our 7 States, chosen Horticulture Whizzes. Yes, it will combine learning with guaranteed laughter. It's time to grow together, one trivia question at a time.

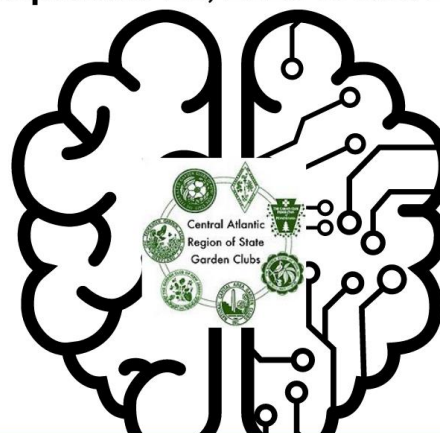
The 5 categories for our Jeopardy-style fundraiser include but aren't limited to: "General Horticulture" Game Example-Do you know the "WHAT IS"... answers? For \$200: Learn about the process plants use to convert sunlight into food. \$400: Dive into the term describing the science of plant propagation and cultivation. \$600: Find out about the substance used to enhance soil fertility, often rich in nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. \$800: Get to know the intriguing method of growing plants without soil, using nutrient-rich water instead. \$1000: Discover the influential Dutch botanist, who made significant strides in plant genetics and laid the foundation of the science of genetics.

Tech Resources will continue to provide, on request, training sessions geared to support your requests. Examples: cloud storage, Canva, Google Tools and more, just ask!

Questions? Email Chair, Cherie Lejeune
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Cherie Lejeune,
Virtual Resources Chair

**Join US-CAR-SGC Tech Training
September 20, 2023 10 a.m. ET**



Artificial Intelligence: Learn what it can do for you !

NGC LIFE MEMBERSHIP

WHAT IS NGC LIFE MEMBERSHIP?

Being a National Life Member is becoming part of a special group of people: People who want to give back to our Youth and Membership, People who strive to maintain and encourage NGC projects and goals.

Your donation of \$200 aids two wonderful programs that benefit local clubs, your State and your fellow members: **THE PLANT AMERICA COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND** and **THE PERMANENT HOME AND ENDOWMENT FUND**.

Over this past year there have been 93 new Life Members and 13 have been from the CAR. Be a part of this special group of people! Join today or better yet, give a gift membership to any individual or group deserving an honor or remember someone in your community who shares your passion for garden club interest.

Applications can be found on the NGC website under Member Resources.

"LIFE MEMBERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Any questions? Contact Gail Manna, 814-932-3231
or gcorle1214@gmail.com.

Gail Manna, NGC Life Membership Chair

Schools Being Held by NGC in CAR

Environmental School

None scheduled.

Flower Show School:

August 21 – 24, 2023 – Henrico, VA – Course 1
October 12 – 15, 2023 – Plymouth Meeting, PA –
Course 4

Flower Show Symposium:

October 3 – 4, 2023 – Mansfield, OH – In-person
November 6 – 8, 2023 – Richmond, VA – In-person

Gardening School:

September 6 -7, 2023 – Baltimore, MD – In-person –
Course 3

Landscape Design School:

None scheduled.

CAR-SGC SCHOLARSHIP PATRONAGE PROGRAM

“Be a Patron...Begin a Legacy”

The SGC-CAR Scholarship Patronage Program is a fundraising effort to fund our annual scholarship award to deserving college students majoring in garden related fields: Agriculture Education, Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Biology, Plant Pathology/Science, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Concerns, Environmental Conservation, Urban and Rural Planning, Wildlife Science, Habitat or Forest/Systems Ecology, Land Management and/or other garden related or allied subjects .

Benefits:

- Name of Patrons published in CAR-SGC Newsletter
- Acknowledgment of Patrons at the annual conference
- **Tax deductible** (We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization)
- Knowledge that your donation is helping worthy students pursue their education

This tax deductible contribution is given to support the General Scholarship Fund. Contributions can be made by an individual, club or donate in honor of an individual (club member or friend). Your donation has a lasting benefit for the scholarship winner, your club and yourself.

Let’s Start YOUR Legacy of Giving!

For the last four years, we’ve awarded one scholarship per year. This year, however, thanks to fundraising and donations to the Patronage Program, we are able to award two scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each. Let’s keep this momentum going. Please consider donating to this program. WE have FIVE levels of donations:

- PLATINUM: Annual donation of \$1,000 or more
- GOLD: Annual donation of \$500.00 or more
- SILVER: Annual donation of \$200 up to \$499
- BRONZE: Annual donation of \$50 up to \$199

ANY DONATION OF \$5,000 OR MORE SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS A DIAMOND DONATION!

How to Participate:

Visit the CAR-SGC website and complete the CAR-SGC Scholarship Patronage Form and send a copy to the designee identified on the form.

How to Pay:

- Use PayPal
- Mail a check (instructions on the form)

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