



# AFGC Avenues and Adventures

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## Greetings from our AFGC President, 2021-2023



Terri Waterman

Hello, Gardeners. I've been enjoying the warm weather we're having in Hot Springs for the last few days. It won't last, and we'll have another few light frosts, but this bit of warmth and sun has coaxed my daffodils, crocus, and hyacinth buds into bloom. It's a beautiful explosion. Another thing that brightens my spirits is knowing I'll get to see old friends and make new ones at our upcoming AFGC State Convention in Hot Springs on April 4-5. I visited our venue, the Doubletree by Hilton Hot Springs, the other day and WOW, just WOW! What a beautiful hotel with spectacular views of Lake Hamilton—a wonderful place to feel relaxed and refreshed while conducting our organization's business.

The 2022 Convention theme is "Growing Deep Roots", which is so appropriate for what's been happening in the world and our lives. Plants are only as strong as their roots are deep; their roots provide lifegiving nutrients for a healthy plant. A plant can die back to the ground because of inclement or severe weather but with strong roots it will stay alive, regrow foliage and bloom again. Many of our garden clubs have been experiencing turmoil with isolation from pandemic restrictions, loss of members and apathy. Our local garden clubs are the roots of AFGC and we all need to think of ways to strengthen and nourish them. Events

such as our State Convention and Mid-Year Board meeting give us the opportunity to meet face-to-face and discuss ways to provide useful and relevant services to our members—as well as to honor and celebrate club activities and member accomplishments. Remember that these meetings are open to all members not just garden club Presidents and Board Members—encourage your club members to attend. This allows them to see how local garden clubs fit into the overall National Garden Club system. It gives them access to educational opportunities that speakers and workshops provide, camaraderie as they realize other clubs have similar issues. We gain knowledge of solutions that others have come up with for the challenges facing us all these days. These meetings can be used to energize your members and encourage them to be more involved in your club activities.

Speaking of education, I know you will enjoy our Tuesday lunch speaker from the U of A Extension Center Forestry Service as he talks about the best trees for different landscapes—and how to grow the deepest roots for healthy trees.

I'm also like a little kid at Christmas thinking about the Tuesday hands-on workshop making mosaic pavers at the end of the convention day. There's something wonderful about making art for the garden that you get to enjoy every day. Registration forms are in *The Arkansas Gardener*, Feb. issue you received in the mail. If you haven't received one by now make sure and let your club President or Bobbie Verser



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know so she can check her mailing list and correct any errors. You can also access the registration form on our website, [www.arkansasfgc.com](http://www.arkansasfgc.com) (Registration tab).

I look forward to seeing everyone in April.

*Terri...*

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**“Hello Spring”** ... A Pop-Up Flower Show sponsored by Designer’s Study Club in Little Rock.

DESIGN DIVISION — First Place winners.



*“Live Life in Full Bloom”*

Jean Moser, designer



*“The Garden Club is Meeting Again”*

Ann York, designer



*“The Garden Club is Meeting Again”*

Scored 90+

Rose Knight, designer

A workshop was held February 17, 2022, for Flower Show School students. Items for sale helped students think ahead. The title was “Table Designs”. The students had time to practice using some of the flowers, mechanics, and techniques suggested during the workshop.



**"Hello Spring"** - A Pop-Up Flower Show held March 2, 2022. The show was sponsored by Designers' Study Club and was open to the public. It was held at Faith United Methodist Church in Little Rock. The show was open to the public for viewing free of charge. Watch for information concerning future Flower Shows.

**HORTICULTURE DIVISION - 1st Place winners:**

Narcissus (Large cup)  
Terri Waterman



Hyacinth  
Susan Rose



Lenten Rose  
Terri Waterman



Nandina, Fire Power  
Rose Knight



Juniper  
Jean Moser



Variegated japonica  
Glenda Tolson



Camellia  
Glenda Tolson



Salvia (garden sage)  
Phyllis Byrum



Fatsia japonica  
Terri Waterman



Arum  
Phyllis Byrum



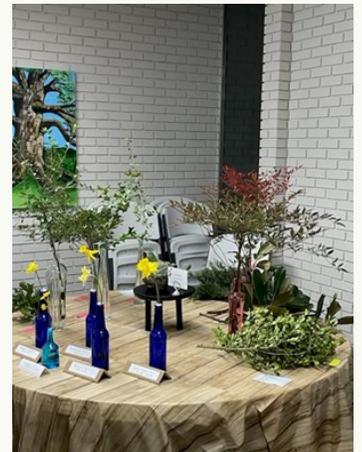
Echeveria  
Joanne Hopper



Arboreal Award  
Variegated Boxwood  
Phyllis Byrum



Collector's Showcase Award  
Evergreens  
Jean Moser





At their February 9th meeting, each member of the MacArthur Garden Club built a bluebird house. Great addition to the gardens! Afterwards, they enjoyed a lunch of homemade soups.



Petit Jean Garden Club lost a beloved member Feb. 2, 2022. Brenda McClain (71) was a faithful, dedicated member for 14 years. She served as President, 2011-2013. She will be remembered for her radiating smile, mentorship, passion for youth scholarships and projects. She was an incredible cook/hostess and always produced that perfect cup of coffee. She was our Plant Sale diva, yet a humble servant of the Lord.



Seven acres of approximately 60 varieties of beautiful daffodils, photo opportunities, arts, crafts, food, music, family oriented, kid friendly yearly festival. Always the first two weekends of March, with potential of a third depending on weather and field full bloom period. Free Admission and Free Parking. Donations accepted and appreciated. Interested artisans/crafters may contact Wye Mountain Daffodil Festival 501-391-2126, for more info and updates. Visit us on facebook @ Wye Mountain United Methodist Church.

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Dues for 2022-2023 are  
\$6.00 per member

Send to above address during the month of March

1,219 members  
42 clubs confirmed, 9 clubs pending

**Terri Waterman, AFGC President has a new e-mail address. Please update your directory.**

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**Jonquil Festival, Friday, March 18, 2022, and Saturday, March 19, 2022.**

**Jonquil Festival.**

Meeting Place: 1874

Courthouse Parking

Fee: \$5.00. Create

memories and cele-

brate a tradition at Historic

Washington State Park.

This **festival** heralds the arrival

of spring in Southwest Arkansas!



**REMINDER:** Bring plants to the AFGC Convention, April 4-5. Perfect time for repotting and sharing extras.

### WEBSITE INFORMATION

National Garden Clubs, gardenclub.org

*Keeping in Touch*

*The National Gardener (winter issue;*

*January, February, March)*

South Central Region, scrgardenclubs.org

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