



AFGC Avenues and Adventures

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Greetings from our AFGC President, 2021-2023



Terri Waterman

Holiday Greetings to everyone!

I hope you all had many things to be thankful for at your Thanksgiving get togethers. I am thankful for so many things, but most especially for my garden club

friends and mentors I have met over the years.

I attended the final AFGC District Meeting for 2022, held in November and hosted by Pulaski District at Hillcrest Hall in Little Rock. What a wonderful fall gathering of members and we were entertained and educated by Susan Rose. Now we know all about Arkansas bulbs. Susan is a member of Designer's Study Club and a long time Master Gardener. Another fun event was the November meeting of the Arkansas Judge's Council at Hillcrest Hall in Little Rock, which was held in conjunction with a Small Standard Flower Show titled "Oh My Gourd". I shouldn't be surprised by the astounding horticulture exhibits brought to the show during what most consider a lean flowering season of the year, since so many of our Arkansas Judges are also wonderful gardeners. I was not surprised by the caliber of inventive floral designs provided by Judges and Student Judges; a wonderful exhibition.

A big welcome to our newest AFGC Garden Club affiliate from the Conway area, the 'Fancy Plants' garden club. We look forward to meeting all the new

members and helping them integrate into our activities and events.

Please be sure and continue to check out the AFGC, South Central Region and National Garden Club websites. We are always trying to post new things, and the NGC website is a wonderful resource for garden club programs as many of you start to put your 2023 year-books together.

Best wishes to everyone, and I hope you have a festive, healthy, and happy holiday season!

Terri



What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.

—Agnes M. Pahro



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*Arkansas Federation
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welcomes

*Fancy Plants
Garden Club*

*a member of
Northwest District*

"Oh My Gourd"

A Small Standard Flower Show

*Hosted by AFGC Judges Council
November 17, 2022
Hillcrest Hall
Little Rock, AR
(Design Division)*



Ann York, Red Ribbon Award



Lisa Sweet, Blue Ribbon Award



Nancy Voyles,
Designer's Choice Award



Tracey Bonds,
Iris Garden Club



Phyllis Byrum, SW District Director

GET INVOLVED...

Are you interested in learning more about flower designing and horticulture for landscaping? Talk to Rose Knight, AFGC Flower Show School Chairman.

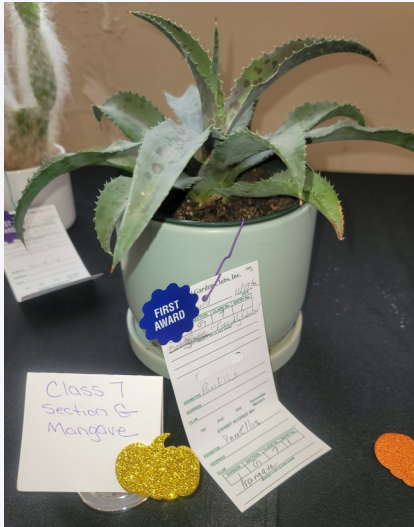
SAVE THE DATE

Flower Show School, Course 4
March 6-9, 2023
Hillcrest Hall, Little Rock



Pam Ellis, Grower's Choice

"Oh, My Gourd!" - Horticulture Division



Pam Ellis, Blue Ribbon Award Mangave



"Fall Welcome" to guests arriving at 2022 Pulaski District Meeting in November, at Hillcrest Hall.



Glenda Tolson, Blue Ribbon, Ponytail Palm



During the Pulaski District Meeting, Barbara Winchell, District Director, presented AFGC Recycling Chairman, Norma Haralson, a Certificate of Appreciation for the many years of dedicated service.



Kathy Brotherton, District Secretary

Terri Erwin, LRG Pres.

Terri Waterman AFGC Pres.



White Chocolate Kissed Gingerbread Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

3 cups flour
2 teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, softened
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup molasses
1 egg
1 teaspoon all natural pure vanilla extract
1/4 cup granulated sugar
60 white and milk chocolate swirled kiss-shaped candies

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt in large bowl. Set aside. Beat butter and brown sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add molasses, egg and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Press dough into a thick flat disk. Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 350°F. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in granulated sugar to coat. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges of cookies just begin to brown. Immediately press a white chocolate candy into center of each cookie. Remove to wire racks; cool completely. Store cookies in airtight container up to 5 days.

Important Dates...

Be on the safe side—to ensure that entries will reach the intended location in time, mail at least 2 weeks prior to the due date. Christmas mailings may interfere with deliveries and deadlines.

Jan. 1, deadline for bird poster contest to be judged, and 1st place winners in each grade (4th – 8th) to be in hands of AFGC Chairman Sandra Bradberry. (Adult Male Great Blue Heron)

Jan. 1, deadline for all Adult AFGC, SCR, and NGC Award entries to be in hands of Glenda Tolson.

Jan. 24, deadline for Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl to be in hands of Terri Waterman)

Feb. 1, deadline for Sandra Bradberry to submit one 1st place winner from each grade to SCR Bird Poster Contest Chairman.

Feb. 1, deadline to apply for AFGC scholarships (send to Sandra Bradberry). ◀

Apr. 1. Annual Report of Club Presidents due to District Directors.

Apr. 1, Report weight of pop tabs to Norma Haralson on or before this date.

Apr. 1, Begin paying dues for 2023-2024 this month. Dues for members, \$8 per member. Due at AFGC Office in Apr. and May. Be sure and indicate NEW, DELETE, or ADDRESS CHANGE if needed.



Members and guests of Primrose Garden Club in Arkadelphia, recently enjoyed a program on “Growing Roses” presented by Carol Shockey, a member of Conway Garden Club.

Carol enjoys having a rose garden, and she is so willing to share ideas and tips with others.

Pictured, left to right, are Ann York, Northwest District Director; Rose Knight, President of Primrose Garden Club and former President of AFGC; Phyllis Byrum, Southwest District Director and former AFGC President; Terri Waterman, AFGC President; and Carol Shockey of Conway.