



# AFGC Avenues and Adventures

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Greetings from our AFGC President, 2023-2025

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Little Rock, Arkansas

The April issue of the AFGC newsletter is a little bit unusual this month. It's been awhile since AFGC has hosted their annual convention, as well as the South Central Region convention back to back. The amount of work and planning that has gone into this is unbelievable.

If you have looked over the schedules for the meetings, dinners, workshops, and programs you will certainly know that a lot of thought has gone into this.

Our President, Pam Ellis, and several flower show judges are in Mississippi judging a flower show today. Another group of workers are helping the Registration Committee prepare the programs and organize the last minute details such as the number of meals needed for lunches and dinners. The Ways and Means Committee are preparing a place for displays and the guest vendors are making selections of their favorite items to sell.

So many things have to be done at the last minute and it is unbelievable to see the number of hands needed to put this show on the road. Please show your appreciation to those who have worked so hard.

### REMINDERS...

Poetry Contest: "My Garden has vegetables to spare that I can share."

Bird Poster Contest: "Killdeer, *Charadrius vociferous*"

Send to AFGC Office club president's name & contact information for 2024-2025.

Dues are \$8 per member. Send to AFGC Office. Be sure and indicate NEW, DELETE, or ADDRESS CHANGE.

June 2-8, National Garden Week

## "Top O' the Mornin' to You"

Horticulture  
Division

Blue Ribbon  
Winners

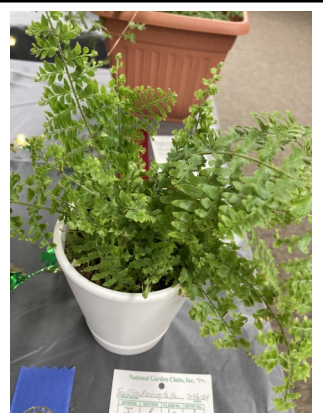
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Lisa Sweet



Earlene Hankins



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## GETTING TO KNOW JANICE HAMLIN...

Janice Hamlin, an outstanding instructor, has lived in Florida since early childhood and has always loved plants, flowers, birds, bees, and all things natural. She lives in Bradenton and is a member of Manatee River Garden Club.

Janice loves to teach and demonstrate. She gave her first floral design demonstration in 2003, and since then has taught or presented 165 times. She has exhibited at the World Flower Shows in Boston, Dublin and Barbados.

Janice enjoys bicycling and is always on the look-out for interesting "yard-kill." Her husband, Curtis, is very supportive of her hobby and is no longer surprised by the things she drags home or the many hours she spends braiding and weaving. He has nick-named her the "Twisted Sister".

### Current Memberships & Positions Held

#### National Garden Club

- Flower Show School Design Instructor
- Accredited Master Judge

#### Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

- Floral Design Study Instructor

#### Manatee River Garden Club

- Active member since 1994
- Currently serving as Treasurer

Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas – Active member since 2002

Floralia 6 Design Club – Tampa - Active member since 2002

Florida State Florists Association – Member since 2015

Manatee County Master Gardener – Alumna

### Plan to Attend

"Design Exhibition, Part 1"  
"Design Exhibition, Part 2"  
"Twist and Shout"  
(A Leaf Manipulation Workshop)

## SPECIAL GUESTS ATTENDING CONVENTIONS



Brenda Moore, NGC President, is a member of the Woodland Oaks GC in West Virginia. She is an NGC Four-Star Member. Her favorite flowers are wildflowers and orchids, especially the Lady Slipper orchid. When Brenda has 30 minutes of

free time, she spends it pulling weeds in her garden or reading a book. Brenda adds, "I am honored to serve as National Garden Clubs' President. I view my role as one of reaching out to our membership to help fulfill the mission of National Garden Clubs: promoting the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility and to help coordinate the interests and activities of state and local garden clubs in the U.S. and abroad. I also hope to encourage leadership and explore ways to increase membership and interest in National Garden Clubs."

Sarah McReynolds, South Central Region Director, also serves on the Scholarship committee and chairs the Gardening School committee.



She enjoys attending state, region, and national meetings. Sarah has submitted her application to become a Four-Star Member. Her favorite flower is lavender. In her 30 minutes of free time, Sarah enjoys riding her horse or reading. Sarah adds, "I am pending my Four-Star application, having finished all schools. I am a master in three and will work towards my Five Star this next year."





Design Division  
Blue Ribbon Winners





# Horticulture Division – Blue Ribbon Winners



Jean Moser



Susan Rose



Jean Moser



Rose Knight



Deb Williams



Nancy Rana



Phyllis Byrum



Terri Waterman



Susan Elliott



Phyllis Byrum



Susan Rose



Susan Rose