



# AFGC Avenues and Adventures

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## Celebrate New Ideas and Friends in Conway



Derenda Stanley, AFGC Pres.

Happy August to all Gardeners, What do we do during this hot summer? Pickling, Preserves or JAM? Hopefully you are trying to stay cool and enjoy the beauty and harvest of your efforts. I have enjoyed more than my share of BLT's with both ugly Indian tomatoes to Bradley's to Celebrities. Cucumber salad with fresh onions, vinegar, salt and pepper is a favorite. I love the spring, summer and fall. But as I am getting older I don't like the HEAT.... I hope though as the temperatures stay steady and HOT, you are cooling off with lemonade, watermelon, and peach ice cream. Think of cooler times when you will be with fellow

gardeners, talking about your gardens, your big flower blooms and what to get to plant next year and what NOT to try again. Isn't it exciting?

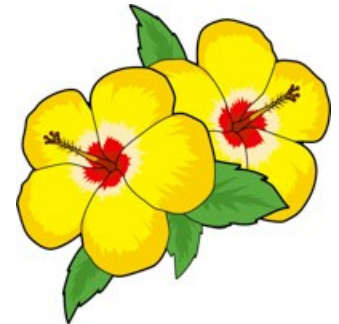
So.....Are you Ready? Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> is our AFGC, Inc. Mid-Year Board meeting in Conway. Come join us for lots of information gathering, fellowship and fun. Think of it as a "kick start" to your garden club year in September. With your President's packet that you will receive you will get the latest, greatest information. You will have time to meet new people and get new ideas. I hope to see each of you next week if not..... Soon.

Plant America, Sow Arkansas,

*Derenda Stanley*

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Please remember, the NGC's goal is to Plant America. So check out their website, find out how to apply, and send in your application for grant money by October 15, 2018. Some of you were very creative with your beautification projects. Let the folks at NGC know about the great things going on in Arkansas.



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5 clubs are late with dues for 2018-2019. Club Treasurers, please send to AFGC Office.

## Important Reminder: Mid-Year Board Meeting in Conway

Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. will hold their Mid-Year Board Meeting at the First United Methodist Church in Conway, August 6 and 7. The Finance Committee will meet at 1pm. The Executive Committee Meeting begins at 2pm. District Directors attend the Executive Committee Meeting, as well as AFGC Officers and certain appointed members. At 3:30 the District Directors will have a separate meeting to hear about some important opportunities. All meetings held on Monday and the Judges Council Dinner will **be at the church**.

A reception will be held Monday at 5:00pm honoring President Derenda Stanley. At 5:30, all are invited to attend the Judges Council Dinner. The program will be "Challenge Design". Four judges will receive flowers and identical containers. They will have a designated time to create a design. This should be very interesting and a lot of fun. Plan to attend and see the outcome.

A light breakfast will be available at 8:30am, on Tuesday at the church.

Ronna Precure, Awards Chairman, will conduct a workshop for all who are interested in learning about AFGC Awards. There are new ones to be explained, and you will love hearing about some that are no longer on the Awards Listing. Club officers and representatives from each club should attend. You will want to find out about these time saving updates.

The Business Meeting begins at 9:30am on Tuesday morning. President Packets will be available. Please be sure that each club President or representative takes one home. AFGC Officers and Chairmen also receive packets. District Directors will collect any leftover packets and mail to the clubs in need.

Ways and Means will be set up at the church so don't forget to bring items to Brenda Young. Also, there will be many things to purchase. The day should be filled with activities and learning experiences. Please make an effort to be with us. Your club will benefit from reports and announcements.

Special thanks to the NW District for planning such a great meeting for all of us to enjoy.

## August! We've Almost Made It

Well, we had some of those 100 degree days in Arkansas, and again we survived. Thankfully the rains surprised us on many occasions. What a blessing to get back into the 90's. It's not an ideal temperature, but we are able to breathe much better. Now we can actually think of some of the fun things we enjoy doing in the fall.

Yes, we've made it again and we learned from it. Did you have a container that started out in the sun, and you soon found yourself moving it to try to find a shady spot? You actually had to move it several times as the sun became hotter each day. Make that move an easier task next year. Plant your favorites in a chair.

Look for an unusual chair someone has discarded. Find a new home in your garden for this great piece of art. With just a little cleaning and a bit of paint, this may become the favorite "seat" in the garden.

You will need:

A wooden chair without a bottom.	Spray paint
Wire wreath and florist wire.	Potting mix
Planter with holes for drainage.	Plants

Directions:

Clean chair, glue or tighten loose joints. Apply 2 coats of paint. Once dried, attach the wire wreath in position to accommodate the height of the planter. Position the wreath at the level of where the planter will rest. Top of planter should be level with the seating area. Secure wreath with floral wire in several places.

Fill the planter half full of soil. Loosen roots of plants, place in soil and fill in with extra soil after planting. Allow room for plants to grow.

Now you are ready to place your chair in the garden. Many of your plants may be able to take the sun for awhile, but as the days get hotter, be prepared to relocate the chair.



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**Introduces a New Narcissus Cultivar**  
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## A Message from NGC President, Nancy Hargroves

You might enjoy an item now on our NGC website, the NGC's publication, *The National Gardener*. As a benefit of membership, every member of National Garden Clubs can read this publication on the MEMBER section of the website without having a subscription. To access it:

- Go to the NGC website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)
- At the top of the homepage, click on Login Member
- Put the word "member" into the USERNAME box
- Put the word "pumpkin" into the PASSWORD box
- Then click the SIGN IN box that will take you to the NGC MEMBERS SECTION page
- On the left side of the NGC MEMBERS SECTION page, click on the third item, TNG Online
- That will take you to the page, THE NATIONAL GARDENER DIGITAL VERSION



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DON'T FORGET... Ronna Precure has planned a workshop for the AFGC Mid-Year Board meeting. All interested in hearing the latest on Awards should plan to attend. It will be at 9:00am, on Tuesday, August 7. Ronna has really done a lot of updating. There are many changes which will make applying much more attractive. A few new awards will certainly get your attention. And you will be sure to thank her for eliminating some for the things you really did not care to do.

All are invited to attend and get the latest scoop on Awards. More of the AFGC entries will be eligible for NGC competition. And NGC has increased the prize money. That always makes it more interesting.

Special thanks to all who sponsored the AFGC Award prizes. Every sponsor responded this year and gave generously to the program. You all are indeed special.

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### YOUTH CONTEST

**(You still have time this summer to work with your children or grandchildren)**

**Youth Bird Contest:** South Central Region, Male Ruby Throated Hummingbird. 1st-5th grades. Home schooled are eligible. 8 and 1/2 X 11 inch paper, paint, markers, colored pencils, crayons.

**Youth Bird Contest:** Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Ruby Throated Hummingbird. 1st—12th grades. May be scouts, clubs, home schooled, churches, family members. 11 X 17 inch paper, color, crayon, pencil, markers, pen & ink.

**Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest:** 1st—5th grades, feature either Smokey or Woodsy, but not both. 11 X 17 inch paper, crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc.

**Youth Essay Contest:** "The Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply", 9th –12th grades. Length should be 600-700 words. Include a proposal or project for improving the environment. Should be typed and double spaced.

**Youth Poetry Contest:** Kindergarten—9th grades, must be typed and titled. "Pop Goes the Seed"

**Youth Sculpture Contest:** 4th-8th grades, size that would fit onto an 8 and 1/2 X 11 inch sheet of paper. Two 4X6 photos should be printed on the back. Help keep our planet green. Get involved with saving our environment.