



District IV TGC., Inc.
Newsletter
Sowing Seeds Across the
Coastal Prairie



January 2019 Issue

Message from Nancy Giffhorn
District IV President.

Recently I was writing the District IV History and discovered that at one time there were 300 clubs in District IV. Can you imagine that? We are now down to 58. District IV's history started in 1946, and dues were \$2 a club. In 1953, Flower Show Judges was organized. District IV contributed \$500 in 1957 to TGC, INC Headquarters, and their name is on the Founder's Plaque. The original project was donations to Warm Springs in Gonzales. Next came the Hughen Center in Port Arthur, where they gave enough money for a greenhouse. In 1987, District IV hosted a fund-raising gala at which they roasted Bob Hope. Both he and John Connally attended.

We have had 3 TGC, Inc. Presidents come from District IV and many more have held and continue to hold state and national offices.

There are some things happening at Headquarters that members should know about. The main thing is that Fort Worth has decided to start charging for entry into the Botanical Gardens. This brought up the fact that TGC did not own the property that TGC Headquarters was on. It had been thought that it was gifted to them in 1957 by the Fort Worth City Council. This was never approved. So, we voted on changing the property lines so that entry into the TGC, Inc. grounds would be free. They are now working on the deed agreement and we will vote on that spring of 2019 when the wording is right.

AS for District IV, we are now down to 58 clubs, 13 Affiliates, and 2 Councils. Some clubs are still struggling after Harvey. I have been trying to get some funds for these clubs, and they are working on just how to distribute it. At our Fall Board Meeting, we voted to give \$1,075 to Brookwood for plant carts.

Our District IV Spring Convention will be held in Hallettsville, on Feb 28. We will be doing a lot of business there. Will be rearranging the Areas- to make it so that clubs are closer to each other- hopefully making it easier for smaller clubs to

host conventions. It will be time to give out awards, "Garden Angels" and recognize 90-year-old members, as well as install new officers. Bill Welch will be the luncheon program and Cindy Meredith from the Herb Cottage will do a presentation to attendees during the morning. They have worked hard so I hope that many of you will attend! I will again do a power point on interesting activities of clubs.

We have been asked to host the 2020 TGC, INC Spring Convention. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND CHAIRMEN!** We are looking at hotels in Galveston currently as a venue.

Nancy

TGC, Inc. Spring Convention
Holy Guacamole!

Come to El Paso for the TGC, Inc. Spring Convention April 1-4, 2019. Make your reservations now!

How to Honor Garden Club Members

District IV has "Garden Angels" to honor members of clubs that have been very active in their club. We need a short paragraph on how they have contributed. Also, we are only allowing one per club per year

Another thing that District IV does to honor members, is a Life Time Membership to District IV. These cost only \$25 (money goes into the Brookwood fund). Please contact Mary Hall, maryhalsa@aol.com, 713-467-4611.



Arbor Day 2018

Most of you don't attend the District Arbor Day, but Meda Wogan always has a great presentation on trees. Here is her information for this year.



Arbor Day - November 12, 2018

Federation President Ann Korenek, (left) Federation Board Members, District IV President, Nancy Giffhorn and Fisher House Director, Frank Kelley gathered in the grounds of Fisher House to plant a Drummond Red Maple in observation of Arbor Day this year. Meda Wogan is seen in the front center in this photo.

We plant trees as a living, memorials to honor favorite grandparents; a beloved pet; and fallen warriors. For brief moments we can reach out and place a hand on the tree---as if the tree were able to reach somewhere beyond. You can touch a cold cannon, but the idea of a living tree is very powerful!

Where did this idea of living memorials originate? We must go back to the War du Jour- the end of World War I.

Modern wars are a conflict between natural resources, brought into use by contending armies. The country without these resources- of which wood is one- will be defeated before the battle is won.

Walnut was an especially valued wood in WWI, used in the production of gunstocks, ships, and airplane propellers. Europe's supply of walnut trees was quickly depleted. The United States was the primary source of walnut. So valuable was this wood, President Wilson enlisted the Boy Scouts of America to tag and identify every walnut tree in the country. All citizens were asked to donate walnut trees in support of the war production effort. From wealthy Guggenheim estate, to the farmer. To the urban dweller, Americans shared their walnut trees.

Arobor Day (Cont'd)

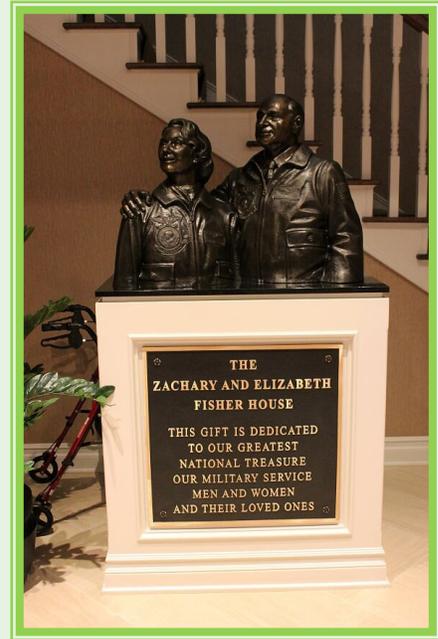
With the decimation of Europe's forest an idea soon emerged, one, which would memorialize the Great War dead and ensure a ready supply of wood in the event of another conflict- planting trees.

The idea of planting trees as memorials may have originated in Great Britain in 1918 when the office of the King's Highway issued a pamphlet titled: "Roads of Remembrance as War Memorials". It was intended to turn existing roads into memorial highways. Here in the United States the idea first appeared in a 1918 Cleveland, Ohio newspaper article.

After the Armistice, three events in America played a major part in popularizing the idea to plant memorial trees.

Theodore Roosevelt died in January 1919
His son Quentin had been killed in the Great War
And the bicentennial of George Washington was very near

Roosevelt was considered a great conservationist, and Washington loved walnut trees. Planting trees, especially walnut trees, would honor all three.



Such living memorials continued with WWII, the Korean War, and Viet Nam and most recently the War Against Terrorism. In Oklahoma City, a one survivor tree stands sentinel as memorial to those who died on April 19, 1995.

On 9-11 another survivor tree honors the 2,977 who died that day. As part of that memorial 400 Swamp White Oaks have been planted. These are species that demonstrate its tolerance for the challenges of living in the shadows of steel, glass, and concrete that marks city life.

But the world in which these trees were planted no longer exists. The world changed. For instance, one "Road of Remembrance" was planted along the road past Fort Lewis in Washington State. Over time that road became Interstate 5. Between 1956 and 1961, the widening of Interstate 5 resulted in the removal of those 500 Memorial Trees. Others had to be removed for safety reasons- they posed hazards for errant drivers whose cars left the highway. As the trees that were bulldozed, so were the plaques. And finally, even the register of names was lost.

Those WWI Memorial Trees that have survived have almost reached the century mark. Age is creeping up and it costs money- lots of money- to maintain them. City Councils are destroying trees planted in 1919- saving them is just too much. Yes the World has changed!

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**District IV Spring Convention
Thursday, February 28, 2019**

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
100 N. Promenade, Hallettsville, Texas**

The Hallettsville Garden Club invites you to District IV Spring Convention 2019. In addition to District IV news and business the featured speaker is Bill Welch, Professor and Texas Agrilife Extension Service Landscape Horticulturist.

Hotels are available in Hallettsville. Hotel Texas Hallettsville at 1632 N. Texana St., Hallettsville, Texas 77904 phone 361-798-5900

Before February 14, 2018, mail registration with payment to. Regena Williamson, P.O. Box 57, Sheridan, Texas 77475. Questions call: 361-550-1485. Make checks to Hallettsville Garden Club write "Spring Convention" in comments section on check.

<p>Agenda for Thursday February 28th 9:00 Am Registration and Silent Auction 9:15 Executive Board Meeting 9:30 Full Board Meeting and Speaker, Cindy Meredith, from The Herb Cottage 10:00 am Opening Session</p>	<p>12:00 -1:00 Lunch 1:15 -2:00 Program 2:15-3:00 District Information 3:00 pm Other District Information and Awarding of Auction names and door prizes</p>
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Name _____

Representing Club _____

Your Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Reservation deadline February 21st.
 Registration Fee \$35.00 _____

Late Registration Fee \$40.00 _____

Lunch Fee \$25.00 _____

Total _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Credentials	
Former NGC Pres	_____
SRC Chairman	_____
State President	_____
State Officer	_____
State Chairman	_____
Former TGC State Pres.	_____
Trustee	_____
District Director	_____
Former District Director	_____
Council Pres.	_____
NGC Life Member	_____
TGC Life Member	_____
District IV Life Member	_____
Landscape Design C	_____
Environmental Studies C	_____
Judge:	
Master	_____
Life	_____
Accredited	_____
Student	_____
Emeritus	_____
Affiliate President	_____
Affiliate Member	_____
Gardening Studies Cons	_____
Garden Club President	_____
Garden Club Mem	_____
Garden Club Delegate	_____



A message to everyone from Barbara Cox.

I want to thank all of my garden club members for their thoughtfulness, prayers and concern for my husband, Clyde. I took him to the Emergency Room on the morning of December 13th and left on the 20th. It turns out he had kidney failure but the wonderful doctors brought him back to normal function. Then on the 28th back to the hospital as an out-patient for a blood transfusion.

We take each day, one step at a time. We have two Dr. appointments this week and one next week. Physical Therapy comes twice a week and another home health comes to take his vital signs twice a week.



A water feature at Lady Bird Johnson Wildlife Center.

**DISTRICT IV TGC, INC. CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS FORM
PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT IV, TGC, INC.**

Contributions/donations will be distributed as indicated on this form. Please be sure that you use a separate check for each section, type in area that you designate for your contribution/donation. This form is **ONLY** for District IV **NOT** for any State contributions.

SECTION I – DUES: Annual dues to District IV are \$8.00 for each club, council, or affiliate. Dues are payable to District IV and by April 1, and shall be considered delinquent after May 31. Clubs failing to remit dues by October 31 will be dropped.

Club Name _____
 In-Coming President _____
 Address _____
 Email _____
 Phone Number _____

SECTION II - MEMORIALS	AMOUNT
Donor Club/Individual _____	
Name of Fund for Donation _____	
Person to be Memorialized _____	
Person to receive thank you note _____	
(Name and Address) _____	

SECTION III - LIFE MEMBERSHIP	Garden Therapy Fund (Brookwood)	\$25.00
Donor Club/Individual _____		
Club Member and Address _____		

SECTION IV - CONTRIBUTION(S)/DONATION(S)	Separate Check for each Area
Scholarship Fund _____	Seeds for Life
Garden Therapy (Brookwood) _____	Arbor Day
Club Making _____	
Contribution/Donation _____	

SECTION V - PAYMENTS

Ways and Means _____	Please attach breakdown.
Conventions _____	Please attach breakdown.

Newsletter Subscriptions \$15.00 (paper copy via USPO)

Name _____	Phone _____
Address _____	Email _____
City _____	State/Zip _____

Mail all check to District IV Treasurer:
 Madeleine Rogers 2002 Sierra, Kemah, TX 77565 281-538-9619, madbeckrogers@hotmail.com

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The Columbus Garden Club
40th Anniversary

Columbus Garden Club celebrated with Colorado County Fair 2018 for their 40th Anniversary and Lordy Lordy they were very happy!

Our very own club member Randa Simmons was the Grand Marshall of the parade for her long time support of the County Fair. Our newest and youngest club member Cassandra Schaeffer won the 1st Runner Up of the County Fair Queen.



The Columbus Garden Club was honored to decorated the Colorado County Fair gate and door entrance this year. The theme of the Fair was "Lordy Lordy we made 40" therefore the club made a layered cake decorated with mums and sunflower with a number 40 candle on top. Square hay bales were decorated with scarecrows

The club competed in the Float decoration and won 2nd place

Left to right" Robbie Showers, Judy & Mary Jane Moore , Club President



Left to right: Robbie Showers, Lynn Showers, Debbie

Left to right: Janet Johnson, Cassandra Schaeffer & Lexie Showers (Robbie's granddaughter)



PLANTASTIC

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION'S 90th ANNUAL CONVENTION

April 12 - 13, 2019

Hosted by

OKLAHOMA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.



Hilton Garden Inn – Bricktown

328 E. Sheridan

Oklahoma City, OK 73104

call 1-405-270-0588 and mention

SCR Annual Convention April 2019

for special pricing of \$109 (plus taxes and fees).

Deadline for this special rate is **March 11, 2019**.

Any late reservations will be at the standard room cost of approx. \$189(+). **No exceptions.**

*Hotel is approx. 13 miles (17 minutes) from Will Rogers World Airport – Uber, Lyft or Taxi avail.

There is **NO** courtesy transportation to the hotel. **Valet parking \$20/day, self-parking \$12/day** unlimited access for hotel guests. Other parking options will be provided.

PS: April Pratt -- april.pratt@cox.net or 405-812-5902
Convention Chairman (text is OK)

FRIDAY, April 12

Registration 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tours to Myriad Gardens and Bricktown Shops & Restaurants (OYO all day)

2:00-3:30 Executive Committee Meeting

3:30-5:00 Incoming Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 Dinner 'The Artful Gardener, Making a New View Using Art in the Landscape,' Allan Storjohann
(Business/Smart Casual dress)

SATURDAY, April 13 (breakfast on your own. Hotel restaurant avail.)

Registration 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

9:00 Official Opening of Convention

*Wear your favorite Flower or Pollinator pin

11:30 Luncheon and Awards

'PLANTASTIC,' Linda Vater

3:00 Workshop 'Wrap, Pack & Plant,' Suzy Andrego

6:00 Reception for Regional Director and State Presidents
(Hotel bar available, Cocktail/Business dress)

7:00 Dinner – New Officer Installation

Detach Here, complete ALL info, please, and mail with your check:

PLEASE **PRINT** clearly, completely and legibly:

Name _____

Address _____ City, ST Zip _____

Club _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Text OK? __Yes __No

*Credentials: Check all that apply
(don't forget to complete this
important information!)

1. ___ SCR Director	6. ___ Club President	11. ___ NGC Chairman
2. ___ State President	7. ___ Club Member	12. ___ State Chairman
3. ___ SCR Officer	8. ___ State Life Member	13. ___ 1st Time Attendee
4. ___ SCR Chairman	9. ___ SCR Life Member	14. ___ Guest/Spouse
5. ___ District President/Director	10. ___ NGC Life Member	15. ___ Other:

Total Event, Full-time Registration **\$145.00**

◆ **FULL-TIME REGISTRATION** includes ALL workshops, meals (excluding breakfast), special speakers and events, streetcar day pass & entry ticket to Myriad Botanical Gardens for all day Friday. Streetcars will take you to Myriad Gardens and Bricktown every hour.

PART-TIME Registration \$ 30.00 (Required -- add indicated price of events you are attending to this price)

FRIDAY, April 12

Executive Committee Meeting

Incoming Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 Dinner \$ 38.00

SATURDAY, April 13 (breakfast on your own)

11:30 Luncheon

3:00 Workshop: Wrap, Pack & Plant \$ 10.00

7:00 Dinner \$ 40.00

Check here if you are planning to stay in the hotel so that we can confirm your reservation and ensure your special rate before the event (you must still make your reservations by calling hotel or completing online)

LATE REGISTRATION (POSTMARKED AFTER 3/09/19) ADD \$10.00 to total

Make checks payable to: **SCR**

Registration deadline: **MARCH 9**

No refunds after March 29, 2019.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail to: **DONNA MARSHECK, 402163 W. 2650 Dr.**

Bardesville, OK 74006-0555

Detail any **MEDICAL** dietary restrictions:

SAVE THE DATE



Home and Garden Tour 2019

April 26, from 10 am. - 4 pm.

April 27, from 10 am. - 4 pm.

April 28, from Noon - 4 pm.

Four Lovely Homes and Gardens

And one very special Japanese Garden

Not Wheel Chair, stroller, walker accessible.



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Blossoms & Bubbles
A Kaleidoscope
OF Color!

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019

BUBBLES & BRUNCH

Eleven in the Morning until One \$25

BUBBLES, BREW & BITES

Five in the Evening until Seven \$20

BULLOCK BALLROOM

THE BARNHILL CENTER
at HISTORIC SIMON THEATRE
111 WEST MAIN STREET, DOWNTOWN BRENHAM

**Proposed Changes to District IV Bylaws -
January 2019**

Eliminate all references to gender in District IV Bylaws

Changes to District IV Standing Rules

23. District Director and two Award chairs shall receive subscriptions to SCR Communicator and The National Gardener.

DISTRICT IV, TGC INC.

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*Upcoming Events !
2019*

January

17 - 19th. Flower Show III - Houston

February

4 - 6 Environmental School III - Old Fort Parker

28 District IV Spring Convention, Hallettsville, TX

March

19 - 21 Flower Show I - Dallas

28 Blossoms & Bubbles -
Bluebonnets Garden Club - Brenham

April

1 - 4 TGC 91st Spring Convention - El Paso

12 - 13 South Central Region Spring Convention -
Oklahoma City, OK

26 - 28 Kingwood Garden Club Home & Garden
Tour - Kingwood.

28 - May 2 National Garden Club Spring
Convention - Biloxi Mississippi

June

2 - 8 Nation Garden Club Week

September

18 - 20 Flower Show II - Houston

October

9 - 11 Flower Show IV - Dallas



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