



# AFGC Avenues and Adventures

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## Greetings from our AFGC President, 2021-2023



Terri Waterman

Fall greetings to everyone. I've been enjoying some time in the garden now that temperatures are cooler. It's not that I didn't spend time in the high humidity and heat, I just wasn't enjoying it so much. I think that's one definition of being passionate about something, you care about doing it so much that you push through the not so enjoyable times because you know the results are worth it. I have a passion for gardening and garden club. Frankly, there are sometimes that garden club is just plain hard work and drudgery; but oh when I get to the end of a project or event and see what I've helped to accomplish, it's all worthwhile. And there are just as many times that what I'm doing is just plain fun and good camaraderie. What is your passion? Could you articulate what you love about garden club? What do you get out of being in a garden club? As our organization struggles at all levels with membership retention and less club activity we all need to be able to define the benefits so we can encourage our family, acquaintances and community to join a garden club.

October is the month of District Meetings and road trips to get to them. Please make every effort to attend your District's meeting and don't stop there – attend as many as you can. It is a great way to make new friends and gather new ideas. It is always so interesting to see what other parts of Arkansas are doing to educate and entertain their members. We should have the registrations uploaded to our arkan-

sasfgc.net website by the time you get this newsletter. I have already attended the Northwest District Meeting held in Conway, and they also had attendees via Zoom. A true hybrid meeting. Rose Knight, SCR Regional Director, talked about the SCR Penny Pines project. Attendees passed a hat and at the end of the meeting enough money was raised to donate 2 'plantations' in honor of Ann York, NW District Director. I thought it went wonderfully and a big thanks to Ann York and all her NW District volunteers who made the meeting possible.

The Greater Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs, comprised of 12 AFGC garden clubs in the Little Rock area, held their Fall program on September 28, at the Heifer International Outdoor Pavilion. Carol Shockley was the spectacular speaker on Growing Roses in Arkansas. In addition to being a member of Garden Club of Conway, Carol is a master consulting rosarian and President of the Central Arkansas Rose Society. The stage was filled with hundreds of rose blooms, Carol provided detailed growing and buying information, and every attendee left with cups of rose blooms. What a wonderful day!

If you are getting ready to start your fall cleanup and planting be sure and check out the SCR Communicator coming out later this month. It has a great article on Fall garden chores and enhancing wildlife. There is always an electronic copy at [scrgardenclubs.org](http://scrgardenclubs.org) as well as our AFGC website.

Take care, be safe, and good gardening.

Happy Gardening,

*Terri*

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### District Meetings

Oct. 5, 10am, NW District, ZOOM, from Conway Farm Bureau Building. Free Registration. "Discovering the Wonderful Secrets of Arkansas".

Oct. 12, 9:30am, SW District, Event Center at Fairview Park, Camden.

Oct. 14, 9am, NE District, Church of Christ, Harrisburg, "Cultivate Compassion"

Oct. 19, 9:30am, SE District, Table 82 @ The Cow Pen, near Greenville Bridge, "Sunflowers"

Nov. 1, 9:30am, Pulaski District, Faith UMC, LR



One of the favorite contest for students to enter is the Bird Poster Contest. Posters should be submitted to the local garden club by the deadline date, December 1, 2021.

An entry consists of a free hand drawing on 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper of the 2021 bird of the year:..

#### **Adult Male Painted Bunting - *Passerina ciris***

Entries need not be affiliated with a school. Artists may be home schoolers, family members, or members of scouts, clubs, or churches in grades 4-8. Students may use watercolor, crayon, pencil, markers, or pen and ink. Posters may be mounted on a second piece of paper for

stabilization, but no 3D is allowed.

A local club should submit ONE first place winner from each grade (4-8) to our AFGC Bird Poster Contest Chairman by January 1, 2022. Mail to Sandra Bradberry, 14 Highway 287, Greenbrier, AR 72058. Contact Sandra if you have any questions. [springbrier49@gmail.com](mailto:springbrier49@gmail.com) or call 501-581-9439. Postal service may be slower during Dec. and Jan., so allow plenty of time for your entries to arrive.

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## **GARDEN CLUB MANUAL OF AFGC**

Many of you may have or remember having the *Garden Club Manual of AFGC*. This binder was used many years and held our by-laws, history, and standing rules. The size is 8 X 8 3/4 inches.

Since so many things are now computer friendly and are 8 1/2 X 11 inches we are no longer using this binder. We found 50 new ones in our storage unit. We are selling them for \$1.00 each. Perhaps you'd like one to use for note taking or for a gardening journal.

It's sometimes helpful to file information about certain seeds or plants you might use in your landscaping. If replacements are needed, you are able to find the seed packet, growing instructions, variety of plant, etc. If you are passing along plants it is helpful to supply information and tips to your friends.

Give Bobbie a call and let her know how many you'd like and if you might be able to pick them up in Little Rock. We can arrange for a meeting place. (870)931-8455.



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**REMINDER:** Don't forget to read the article "Moonflower Plants: Tips for Growing Moonflowers in The Garden". Google that title and find the article written by Becca Badgett. You will enjoy planting this and when summer ends you will have seeds to gather. Store them in the garage and plant the seeds in the early spring. You may like to plant them in a container. It makes it easy to control the amount of sun they will prefer.

Don't forget to watch Chris Norwood of Tipton Hurst on Facebook to get some fabulous designing ideas or as he calls it a "happy".



# “AUTUMN BLESSINGS”

## A National Garden Club Small Standard Flower Show

### September 15, 2021, Sponsored by Designers’ Study Club

Free and open to the public from 1:00pm to 2:30pm  
Faith United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas

#### DESIGN DIVISION: “Football Weekend”, First Place Winners



“Tailgate Party”  
Nancy Rana



“Breakfast at Maple Lake B&B”  
Nancy Voyles



“Homecoming Parade”  
Alice Davidson

#### HORTICULTURE DIVISION: “Fall Festival”, First Place Winners (not all are pictured)



Phyllis  
Byrum

zinnias



Hosta

Jo Krallman



Swiss Cheese  
& Coleus

Joann Hopper



Ilex

Nancy Voyles

Terri Waterman  
Marigold



Jean Moser  
Sedum & Sansevieria



Alice Davidson  
Caladium



Lisa Sweet  
hydrangea



Rose Knight  
Jade plant →

Fatsia



## CHRISTINA'S CORNER

### Garden Checklist for October

— Christina Cole, River Valley Horticulture Products

It's time for pansies, ornamental kale and cabbage, grasses, gourds, and pumpkins!

- This year, underplant your pansies with spring-blooming bulbs for an extended show.
- Try your hand at edibles—most “greens” are cool-season crops that are very easy to grow.
- Some of your choices are lettuce, cabbage, kale, collards, Swiss chard, spinach and broccoli.
- Clean-up your perennials and divide or move any that have become too crowded.
- Any tender bulbs that you wish to keep should be lifted, dried, and stored in a cool area.
- Fall is the perfect time to plant new trees and shrubs, giving them a head-start in spring.
- Be sure to water new plantings deeply and repeat weekly if rain is less than one inch.

It is a great time of the year to visit some of the wonderful nurseries located in Arkansas. We've been cooped up for a long time. We are either avoiding germs or staying out of the heat. Now that we are breathing better when outdoors it's fun to tour some of the nurseries and get some grooming tips and ideas for freshening up our gardens. It is a perfect time to plan and think about the future.

Gathering seeds can be very time consuming. Put some in packets or envelopes, label them, and pass them along to friends. Be sure they Google the variety and find out the best time to plant. Also, find out the proper way to store them for the winter.



Members of Greater Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs enjoyed their fall program presented at the Heifer International Pavilion in Little Rock. The topic, “Growing Roses in Arkansas”, was valuable to all.

Terri Waterman is President of this council. Contact her if you'd like to know more about the GLRCG.



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Dues for 2021-2022 are  
\$6.00 per member  
Send to above address  
Deadline: As soon as possible

Join us Oct. 13, for a  
Nature Conservancy in Arkansas  
Webinar

### BUSTING BAT MYTHS

With cave biologist Mike Slay

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 12:00pm.

E-mail [ALINDSEY@TNC.ORG](mailto:ALINDSEY@TNC.ORG)  
for a registration link

OR

Join online: [ZOOM.US/JOIN](https://zoom.us/join)

Meeting ID: 936 3238 3230

Mike will take us into the world of bats in AR and how you are helping the Conservancy make sure these not-so-creepy creatures thrive...and will bust a few myths in the process!

### WEBSITE INFORMATION

National Garden Clubs, [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org)

*Keeping in Touch*

*The National Gardener (fall issue;  
October, November, December)*

South Central Region, [scrgardenclubs.org](http://scrgardenclubs.org)

*The Communicator*

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