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# AFGC Avenues and Adventures

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## Greetings from our AFGC President, 2021-2023



Terri Waterman

Hello Friends,

I hope this issue finds everyone and their families well and healthy. Our lives are not back to normal yet but garden club activities have continued. AFGC had a wonderful combined

State Convention/Mid-year Board Meeting in August. We had 80+ attendees over the two days which included a Fashion Show fundraiser sponsored by Accessory Gallery from Hot Springs, an exciting floral design program by Chris Norwood from Tipton Hurst, and a program by Minnie Shuler from Garvan Woodland Gardens that was very informative. I so enjoyed our Vendors this year, my car was packed full going home. We were so happy to have Just for Pearls, Kater's Cards, Mizell's Camellia Hill Nursery, Accessory Gallery and Yours & Vine as our 2021 vendors. As if that wasn't enough to shop from, Joann Hopper and her team had heaps of plants and garden items at the Ways & Means tables.

My heartfelt appreciation goes to Phyllis Byrum who presented a beautiful Officers' installation titled "Roots & Wings" that was moving and symbolic, and included her daughter, Amy Golden, singing "Wind Beneath My Wings." There were a few teary eyes throughout the room. I was surprisingly emotional listening as the Arkansas recipients of the SCR Gardening Heroes were presented. Hearing the applications, written by friends and families of those being honored, being read brought back memories of some of my own garden heroes and how they had mentored me. We should never underestimate our

impact on those around us. Any club, or anyone, wanting to honor their Gardening Hero can send a \$100 donation to the SCR Scholarship Fund through Nancy Voyles. More information is in the July 2021 SCR Communicator that we have linked to our AFGC website, [arkansasfgc.net](http://arkansasfgc.net).

If you haven't checked our AFGC Website lately please do so. Nancy McGraw, our Website Chairman, has been working hard to provide us with a useful and user friendly resource. We have started to put links to both SCR and AFGC Newsletters, and she is always looking for pictures and information on garden club activities. Please let your District Director know of any ideas or resources you need that would make the website better.

Garden Club Presidents should all have the newest president packets. If not, check with your District Director as they would have picked up any not taken at the August Mid-year meeting. Please look through those packets, they hold a wealth of information on coming events, Awards, and contacts for AFGC Officers and Chairmen. Make sure to communicate this information to your club members, especially ones who don't have email and need hard copies. Our next big events will be the October/November District Meetings. Reach out to your District Director and give them your support as these meetings take a lot of effort to put together. Please be careful as you get out and about and stay safe.

Happy Gardening, *Terri*

GLRCGC will sponsor an Educational Seminar "Growing Roses in AR", Sept. 28, 1:00pm, Heifer International Pavilion. Carol Shockley, Master Rosarian, will present. Watch for more information.



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### Annual Rhizome Sale Sept. 11, 2021

Sponsored by  
Central AR Iris Society

Unitarian Universalist Church  
1818 Reservoir Road.  
Little Rock, AR

Free & open to the public  
8:00am—Noon

(Other plants will be available  
for you to purchase)



Did you hear the news? Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. had a great meeting at the Delta Hotel in Little Rock, August 23-24, 2021. What an event!!! Eighty-three were in attendance and the fun just never ended. Monday evening began with a fashion show and moved along to a dinner and flower design program presented by Chris Norwood, of Tipton & Hurst. What a great start for the beginning of our new garden club year.

Tuesday morning during the business meeting, awards were presented, officers were installed, reports were given by chairmen and officers, and folks shopped.

Our vendors were over the top. Besides our own Way & Means, we had Nancy McGraw's fabulous pearls, Accessory Gallery of Hot Springs, Candles and Creams, Kater's Cards, and Mizell's Camellia Hill Nursery.

Following the salad buffet all enjoyed hearing about Garvan Gardens from their garden manager and lead designer, Minnie Shelor. Invitations were extended to the upcoming district meetings, the AFGC and SCR annual conventions to be held in 2022.

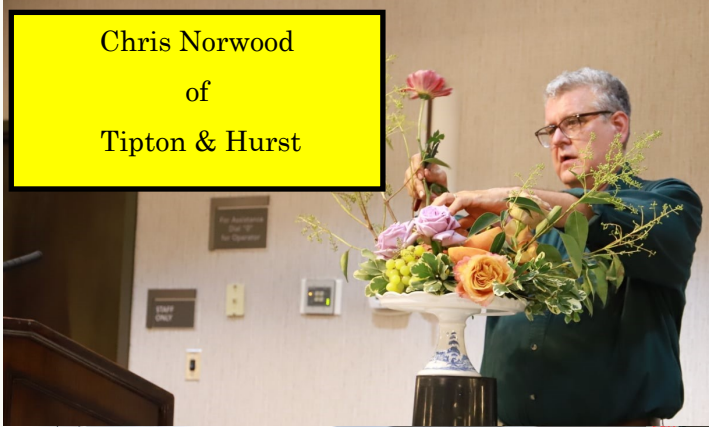
President Packets were available for club presidents, AFGC chairmen, and officers. Ask your District Director if she has one for you if you were unable to get yours. We are hopeful that it will be helpful in planning your projects, programs, and speakers for the new year.







Chris Norwood  
of  
Tipton & Hurst



Awards were presented  
during the Tuesday morn-  
ing meeting. Congrats!



We love  
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## CLUBS PLAN FOR A NEW GARDENING YEAR

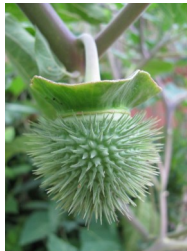
Several of our clubs have had meetings to make plans for the new year. Some of them probably had a list of ideas which were put on hold last year because of the pandemic. Most clubs have decided to have their programs planned and then decide monthly whether to meet or not. The not knowing is an inconvenience, but it's about the best we can do at this time. COVID-19 cases continue to be high and it looks like our patience are being tried. Below you will find a list of possible YouTube videos which may be substituted in the event your club chooses to postpone a meeting. Be creative, be encouraging, and remain hopeful that the situation will improve. Until then spend time spreading good news and interesting gardening tips to your friends and neighbors. Soon the temperatures will be bearable and it will do us all good to get outdoors and enjoy nature. Until we meet again...

Sept: "How to Grow Purple Hyacinth Bean Vine", Diane Bumm Garden Video, 6:03. This is quick growing with purple flowers and stems, and glossy purple seed pods in the fall. It is an annual. Could be harmful to children or pets. Seeds will be available at AFGC Convention, 2022, from Jeannie Smith and Bobbie Verser.



Oct: "Moonflower Plants: Tips for Growing Moonflowers in The Garden", by Becca Badgett. Sort of a relative of a morning glory. This is not a video. The narrative is good. This is a night bloomer and each bloom will only last one night unless the next day is

cloudy. The seed pod has many seeds in it and will be available at AFGC 2022 convention from Jeannie Smith and Bobbie Verser. This usually reseeds, but many pods will be available for you to store in the garage for planting the next spring. The seed pod is pictured on the right.



Nov: YouTube, "DIY Fall Wreath/Fall Décor", by Jennifer Decorates, 11:39. Jennifer is a Tennessee girl and loves teaching others how to make beautiful wreaths. She makes it look easy. Have fun! If you make a new fall wreath be sure and share a picture of it with your club members. You might even plan a contest for your club.

Dec: "Celebrating Christmas at Chris Olsen's House", is a great video of his home, Edgemont, during the holidays with 21 decorated Christmas trees. He does a fantastic job. You will get many great ideas. Take time to enjoy the color combinations and table arrangements, also.

REMINDER: A) 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".

B) Find out about P. Allen Smith's fall tours at his home. You'll enjoy a visit to Moss Mountain. Check out his website, pallensmith.com. Sign up for his weekly newsletter.

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\$6.00 per member  
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Deadline: As soon as possible

## ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR DISTRICT MEETING?

Oct. 5, 10:00am, NW District Meeting, ZOOM, from Conway Farm Bureau Building. Free Registration. "Discovering the Wonderful Secrets of Arkansas."

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

Oct. 14, 9:00am, NE District Meeting, Church of Christ, Harrisburg, "Cultivate Compassion" by Jackie Johnson of Lauren's Garden

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

Nov. 1, 9:30am, Pulaski District Meeting, Faith United Methodist Church, Little Rock

## WEBSITE INFORMATION

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

*Keeping in Touch*

*The National Gardener (summer issue;  
July, August, September)*

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

*The Communicator*

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