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**FGCN NEWS**



Attending the 86th Annual Rocky Mountain Region Meeting August 26-28 in Park City, Utah hosted by the Associated Garden Clubs of Utah were back row: Del and Alice Hemsath, Mary Carlson and front row: Robbie Kupper, Chris Martin and Lorraine Patrick We are standing in the garden of Park City President Diane Peterson where we had our closing Awards

Dinner, Aug. Robbie Kupper, Nebraska President and RMR Alternate Director presided.

The weather for our meeting was wonderful! The picture below is Diane Peterson’s garden from above.



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*Dates to Remember*

**DEADLINE FOR WINTER ISSUE**

**November 15, 2022**

Any Chair, member or Club President may  
send a report, article or announcement  
that seems timely!

**Up Coming Events:**

August 26-27, 2022 RMR Annual Meeting  
Park City, Utah

September 20-22, 2022 NGC Fall Board Meeting  
St. Louis, MO

October 1, 2022 West Central District Mgt., North  
Platte

October 8, 2022 FGCN Fall Board Zoom Meeting  
9 am MST, 10 am CST

May 2-5, 2023 NGC, Inc., Annual Convention,  
White Sulfur Springs, WV

June 9-11, 2023 FGCN Annual Meeting, Ogallala,  
NE



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*Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska, Inc.*

*Mission Statement*

*The mission of the Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska is: to plant seeds of interest in gardening, landscaping, flower shows, environmental issues, community beautification, charitable activities and to cultivate those seeds through sponsored schools, correspondence and sharing of knowledge for the good life of Nebraska.*

## FGCN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on July 18, 2022 at 2:00 pm by zoom. Present were Robbie Kupper, President, Chris Martin, Vice President, Lorraine Patrick, Treasurer and Rilla Draper, Secretary. We worked on the Budget for 2022-2023 and we will be presenting this budget for review to the Finance Committee before the Fall Board. If the Finance Committee approve the budget it will be voted on at the Fall Board Meeting.

It was decided that Fall Board will be held on October 8, 2022 by zoom and all of you will be getting an invitation. I am hoping that we will have a very good turn out as we have several important decision to be voted on. At the Fall Board we would like to have a change to the Standing Rules. If you would check your Membership Directory on page 69 article V-Districts

The Change would be: The membership in Nebraska shall be arranged in districts of Counties as follows:  
C. West Central: Arthur, Chase, Cherry, Dundy, Frontier, Grant, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, Red Willow, Thomas and add **Adams, Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Custer, Dawson, Franklin, Furnas, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Kearney, Keya Paha, Loup, Phelps, Rock, Sherman, Valley, Webster, Wheeler**

**Remove D. Central: Adams, Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Custer, Dawson, Franklin, Furnas, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Kearney, Keya Paha, Loup, Phelps, Rock, Sherman, Valley, Webster, Wheeler**

Reason for this change: There is only one club in the Central District and they have asked to join the West Central District.

The next thing that we will be voting on is a request was received to repair and restore five Blue Star Memorials. After discussion concerning pricing, the general consensus of the Board was to decide that we recommend to the Garden Clubs at the fall board to repair two Memorials in 2023. The costs of those repairs is a flat \$750.00 per memorial. We have in the Blue Star Memorial account \$3,766.28 Mary Carlson is in the process of trying to raise donations to repair the other 3 memorials that are need of repair and so far has raised over \$500. Congrats Mary

So as you can see we have a lot of business to take care of at Fall Board and your vote is needed and counted.

See you October 8, 2022 at 9:00AM. Invitations will be coming soon.

## Eastern District 2021-2022 Yearly Report

In June, Eastern District hosted the Annual meeting in Lincoln. We had a great time, and it was exciting that we were able to meet in person. A big thank you to the clubs in our District who stepped up and worked hard to make this a successful event.

Covid continued to plaque some of our groups as slowly but surely our clubs are starting to meet with in person activities...some more than others. There are 5 clubs in our District: Elkhorn Garden Club with 14 members, Friendly Federated Garden Club with 5 members, Plattsmouth Garden Club with 29 members, Sunset Hills Garden Club with 7 members. Tree City Garden Club with 12 members and 4 at large members.

In October, we held our district meeting via zoom and Robbie Kupper, our state president, attended. We made changes in our bylaws, discussed what was happening in our clubs and played a game of kahoot.

One June 25, we will be gathered in Nebraska City for our Annual meeting. Robbie Kupper was our special guest. Donna Rouch, NGC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Plattsmouth Garden Club member gave an informative presentation on Tulip Farming. We had met several times via zoom, so it was wonderful that we could be in person.

Chris Martin  
Eastern District Director





## ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION reported by Alice Hemsath

The Rocky Mountain Region held their 2022 annual meeting August 26-28 in Park City, Utah.

The meetings were held in the historic Miners Hospital.

All meals were held outside. The weather was very cooperative!



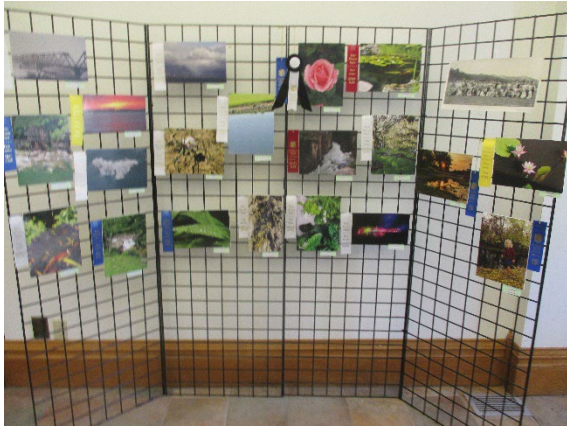
Mary Carlson, Sunset Hills Garden Club, and Blue Star Memorial Chair, is standing by the memorial marker in front of the Hospital which was dedicated earlier in August.



The meeting was led by RMR Director Margie Soileau from Colorado. Also in attendance was NGC, Inc. President Mary Warshauer from New Jersey.







RMR Photo Contest was won by our own Julie Lester! Congratulations! Other Nebraska Winners were Chris Martin, Lori Martin, Robbie Kupper and Lorraine Patrick.



Poster winners from the Rocky Mountain Region  
 Richard Van Dam, 3rd grade 2nd Neighbor Garden Club, Utah; Josaily Riviera, 4th grade 3rd Plattsmouth Garden Club, Nebraska; Hailey Coleman, 5th grade 2nd Plattsmouth Garden Club, Nebraska; Auggie Pedersen, 6th grade HM 90+ Plattsmouth Garden Club, Nebraska; Colin Wuelling, 7th grade WINNER Plattsmouth Garden Club, Nebraska; Laney Van Erdewyk, 8th grade HM 90+ Plattsmouth Garden Club, Nebraska



Picture of the floral arrangements for the RMR Presidents: Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado.



Highlights of the meeting included reports about Membership, Penny Pines, RMR newsletter: The Rambler, Smoky Beat/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, Awards, Plant America by planting native trees. A Silent Auction was held. Colorado will host the RMR Annual Meeting in 2023 and will also host the 2024 NGC, Inc. Annual Meeting. RMR officers are rotated through the 8 states. 2023-2025 RMR Officers will be Director: Robbie Kupper, Nebraska, Alternate Director, Shirley Pursel, Wyoming, Secretary Margaret Endicott, Kansas, RMR members of NGC, Inc. Nominating Committee Darla Anderson, Utah and Pat Westgard, North Dakota. 39 garden club members were present.



At the close of the business meeting Aug. 28th we boarded a bus to the Swaner Nature Preserve north of Park City which is a reserve for an abundance of nature. The Preserve is 1200 acres. The preserve was established in 1993 after a donation from a ranch partnership in memory of Leland Swaner whose family resided in the area in the 1860's. The City of Park City was founded in 1872 to serve the mining industry which began in the 1860's. The reserve became a Federal Wetland Reserve in 2001 and was gifted to Utah State University in 2010.



One of the whimsical sculptures we saw in Park City was these insect statues made from vehicle parts!

## CHAIR REPORTS



### **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS OF NEBRASKA BLUE STAR MEMORIALS**

by Mary Carlson, Chair

#### **BLUE STAR- ARTICLE 3**

I'm very humbled to report on fund raising for restoration of the five 50-year-old Blue Star Memorials at rest stops along the Nebraska Blue Star Highway- I-80. At this time, we have collected enough money to restore two Blue Star Memorials.

The National Federated Garden Clubs Blue Star representative put me in touch with Tom Stelling, a Marine veteran who has taken on the mission of restoring monuments nationwide. He has his travel trailer filled with restoration supplies and travels the United States staying at campgrounds near the memorials while doing his work. He charges a flat fee of \$750 for each memorial which is a significant savings compared to the over \$2000 it costs to return the memorials to the company that made them for restoration. I've scheduled Tom to come to Nebraska in the Spring of 2023.

We now have collected enough money to restore two memorials and our goal is to collect enough money to restore all five memorials. Sunset Hills Garden Club donated \$250, and several members individually made additional donations. A Plattsmouth Garden Club member donated a very significant amount. Individual donations have come from veterans.

I made a presentation at the Omaha American Legion Post 1 general meeting and am scheduled to give another talk at the Marine Veterans general meeting in September. Vicky Cerino, an Air Force retiree and member of Sunset Hills Garden Club, has volunteered to present at the military organizations which she is associated. I'm also reaching out to some large businesses.

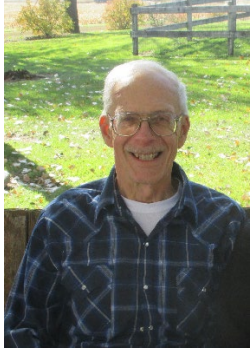
I ask Nebraska Garden Clubs and Garden Club individual members to consider a donation. Become a part of recognizing military service members who are serving, those who have served and their families.

Consider \_\_ \$25 \_\_ \$50 \_\_ \$100 \_\_ \$200 or other. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Here is how you can contribute: write a check to Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska (FCGN) and send to:

Mary L. Carlson  
658 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Omaha, NE 68132

Make a note on the check that the donation is for the I-80 Blue Star Memorial Restoration. FGCN is a 501c3 organization.



## Horticulture Chair Article – Del Hemsath

### Japanese Beetle in Nebraska JANUARY 21, 2021

Here is an article that might be of interest to most of us during this time of year. One of our Soil Sister and Mister Garden Club members has been fighting the Japanese Beetle this summer, especially on her roses. This is what I found on the Internet.



Author(s): [David Olson](#)

The Japanese beetle is a highly destructive invasive pest that is an annual problem for many Nebraskans. Its presence has grown over the last decade and is getting worse. Adults of this metallic beetle feed on over 300 different species of plants and larvae are often the bane of turf grass. While treatment options do exist, they are often limited by several factors. However, different cultural practices can mitigate much of the damage done by these invaders.

Overview – Japanese beetle was first introduced to the United States in the 1910's in New Jersey, and ever since has been marching westward. Most of Nebraska now has at least a small population of the beetle, while many areas in the East and along the I80 corridor see much higher levels. While this pest will feed on a number of different species, a few trees tend to stand out in particular as “favorites” and are more likely to be attacked. Linden is one of the most common, usually followed by birch.

#### How beetles affect trees

Japanese beetles will feed on around 300 species of plants, everything from rose bushes to American lindens.

The attack on these trees usually takes place in the mid-summer with telltale “skeletonizing” of the leaves, where only the veins are left intact. Adult Japanese beetles can defoliate a tree quickly as they are attracted to feeding sites by both the smell of the plant and sex pheromones sent out by other beetles. While this may leave a tree looking brown and in danger, it will usually recover unless hit year after year. Additionally, beetle populations tend to fluctuate over time as the invasion front progresses.

#### Treatment Options:

Although treatment options are available for some trees, there are a few important considerations to take into account.



Most of the systemic insecticides used are extremely toxic to pollinators and can make their way into the tree's pollen. For this reason, it is against the law to apply neonicotinoid class insecticides to linden trees.

- While trees sprays can work, they are most often applied only after the beetles have been attacking a tree and thus may not save the tree from being partially defoliated. It is also important to note that while individual trees may be treated, the beetles are strong fliers and can come in from some distance away.
- Pheromone traps sold at many stores are also discouraged since research has shown they attract more beetles than they can actually kill, even if modified with larger containers.

### Best practices

In many cases, the best way to deal with Japanese beetles is to simply try to keep the tree as healthy as possible otherwise. Beetle populations will likely fluctuate after a few years and they are unlikely to hit the tree so often that they actually kill it. By the time the beetles get to the tree, it has already had about half of its growing season to store up energy, so it isn't at a total loss. Diversifying future plantings will also help ensure fewer trees in the landscape are susceptible to the beetle as well. Remember, keeping a tree healthy through proper planting, watering, mulching, and trimming is the first line of defense against many pest insects and diseases.





## O, My Tomato

The one vegetable that most Americans reserve space for in their gardens is the——, you guessed it——the tomato. That statistic would include me, for sure. What else could possibly replace the taste and texture of the home-grown tomato on a BLT? My favorite cultivar in the tomato world is the heirloom 'Brandywine'. I blame Carol Meyer for introducing me to the tomato that I can hardly live without. Their tang sets them apart. Those that don't get consumed fresh wind up as gifts or spaghetti sauce.

Every year I start my 'Brandywines' under grow lights in the garage. Happy is the day when the last frost passes and the young starts can begin life out of doors. They are allowed a week on the shaded patio to condition and then onto the sunny garden they go. This year was no exception. There was however a new plan as to where they would be located. That new plan involved two straw bales. After reading about this gardening technique and noting the success of a fellow gardener's with it, I was amped to give it a go. I did the conditioning required and set the young plants in their new digs. Several weeks passed and all was well. Then, to my dismay, the healthy young transplants started to look weird. The leaves curled and changed their shape. Their size froze. I panicked—what could be wrong?! Did my neighbor accidentally spray in their direction with a weed killer? No, we are on good terms and he is careful near my garden when he does spray. Plants near the tomatoes were all growing in a normal manner. After some research online I came across a picture that a closely resembled my afflicted tomatoes. The culprit was herbicide—but not by my neighbor's hand but rather by the farmer who sprayed the straw from which the bales were made of. Stink! I didn't imagine that being a factor. No tomatoes this year!



After facing the reality and accepting the loss somewhat, I appealed to the Creator—could some home-grown tomatoes ('Brandywine' preferred) please come my way somehow, somehow.

Imagine my surprise and delight sometime later in the summer when I peered closer at the dahlias that I had planted in the area where my 'Brandywines' had flourished last year. Yes, there it was—a baby 'Brandywine'! Now my hopes are set on enough warm, frost-free days that will allow my baby to mature and bear that juicy, tart fruit that fits perfectly atop my crisp lettuce and savory bacon. I will wait for that fabulous BLT even if it means summer is over and fall cometh.

Note to self: make double dog sure that my next straw bales are organic.

Charlotte Swanson  
Gurley-Dalton GC

## Bird Droppings

As a developmentally, aging adult, what does one's thoughts think about out for a walk among nature's wonders. Today I spied a bunch of crows and went "Yuk", get out of here away from me. Now where did that gut level response come from in my limbic brain? So I put on my thinking cap and remembered childhood memories way back. I remember my family chased them away as bad, ugly birds that cawed terrible sounds and they chased away all the other birds we wanted in our back yard and they were especially annoying on family picnics. I decided to find out more about them and share my thoughts with garden club friends.



American Crows are fairly common and conspicuous throughout most of the country outside the southwestern deserts. You can find them hanging around open areas, patches of woods, city parks, garbage dumps, campgrounds, athletic fields, cemeteries and parking lots. Listen for their loud cawing. They usually feed on the ground and eat almost anything typically earthworms, insects, small animals, chicks they rob from nests, seeds, fruit, pet food and garbage.

American Crows often congregate in large numbers to sleep in communal roosts in the same general areas chosen. In urban areas the noise and mess can cause conflicts with people. Young crows do not breed until they are at least two years old, and most do not breed until they are four or more. In most groups the young help their parents raise subsequent young for several years. Families may include up to 15 individuals and contain youth from five different years. I found this information so interesting since I often see so many roosting.

In some areas, the American crow has a double life. It maintains territory year-round in which the entire extended family lives and forages together. But during much of the year, individual crows leave home territory to join large flocks at dumps and agricultural fields and sleep in large roosts in winter. A crow may spend part of the day at home with its family in town and the rest with a flock feeding on waste grain out in the country.

Despite its tendency to eat roadkill, the American crow is not a scavenger specialist. Though their bills are large, crows often can't break through the skin carcass or for the carcass to decompose and become tender enough for them to break through and eat. However, crows are crafty foragers capturing smaller birds after long flights, steal foods from other animals, catch fish, take fruit from trees, and eat from outdoor dog dishes.

Well, after learning all this lifestyle of Crows, I have decided they are still not my favorite bird but, they are an interesting part of nature to learn and wonder about.

Enjoy the many wonders of Bird Watching.

Marlene Mahoney



## CLUB NEWS

### OGALLALA GARDEN CLUB

#### Boot Hill Clean-up

Ogallala Garden Club members picked up around the Boot Hill Statue on Monday. Those helping spruce up around the landmark were Janette Fenwick, Ted Slagle, Marcia Crofutt, Helen Drews, Nikki Erwin, Rod Ruzanic and Callie girl (Honorary Member). Some of you met Callie girl at the State meeting a year ago in Lincoln. We all think that she is quite a worker for our club.



#### Ogallala Garden Club Scholarship Winners

The Ogallala Garden Club recently announced four scholarship winners. Through proceeds from the annual plant sale in May and the Keith County Foundation Fund's Big Give event, the group was able to give \$1,100 in scholarships.

Kylie Tucker, of Perkins County, will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Tucker is majoring in nutrition and health sciences at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Austin Meyer of Perkin County, received a \$250 scholarship and will attend the South Dakota Mechanical Engineering School of Mechanical Engineer and his goal is to be among the first to grow food in space.

Ashton Meyer, of Perkin County, received a \$250 scholarship and will attend Emmour Bible College, majoring in nursing and missionary ministries.

Gabriella Askey, of Keith County received a \$100 scholarship and will attend McCook Community College and major in environmental sciences.

Students in Keith, Arthur, Duel, and Perkins counties are eligible to apply for scholarships through the Ogallala Garden Club. Those counties have a member in the Ogallala Garden Club, allowing for students in those counties to apply for a scholarship

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#### Native Trees of Nebraska

**Bur Oak is native to the eastern half of Nebraska. It gets 75-100 wide and about the same in height. It tolerates dry conditions and grows on most soil types. It is not shade tolerant. It has high wildlife value, grows slowly but lives 200-300 years.**

**Soil Sisters and Mistery Garden Club**

June 24th Garden Tour

A successful garden tour was held including 6 gardens in Kearney. One stop even had a lemonade stand! The



gardens and yards were lovely.



Our semi-annual Plant Share is September 17th at Harmon Park, 3100 Ave 29th Street. Garden club members and members of the public bring plants to share. Donations are accepted which are used for public projects

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Congratulations to Dorsie Farrar on winning the 2022 July Eustis Yard of the Month which is judged by the Petals Garden Club of Eustis and Cozad.

Dorsie is a member of the Country Gardeners.

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**NGC INC., YOUTH AWARDS**

**POETRY:**

The theme for 2023 is : “Seeds, Trees & Bees....Oh My – Celebrating diversity of Nature”

Poetry should be sent to the FGCN Chair: Sharon Muller, 2327 Livingstone RD, Plattsmouth, NE 68048-8551, [sharonmuller0622@gmail.com](mailto:sharonmuller0622@gmail.com) 402-298-8312

**SCULPTURE**

**ENCOURAGING YOUTH TO KEEP OUR PLANET GREEN**

Chair is: Marj Hastings, 8231 E Detour RD, Wellfleet NE 6170, [gmhastings@nebnet.net](mailto:gmhastings@nebnet.net)

Happy Holidays to Everyone. I know this year has been less than normal; but if your club has participated in projects, please consider sending them in for judging. There are monetary awards as well as opportunities to be acknowledged by RMR and even Nationally. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is [dzrcc8@yahoo.com](mailto:dzrcc8@yahoo.com) and my phone # is 402-540-2241. Hope to see lots of entries this year.

**Chris**

**Awards Calendar**

**Due Dates**

<b>December</b>	1 = National - School Garden Project to Chris Martin  1 = National - all awards to state chairs, see pages 7-17 in the Membership Directory
<b>January</b>	3 = National - Poetry to Sharon Mueller 15 = National - Sculpture to Marj Hastings 15 = National Awards to Chris Martin 23 = National -Smokey/Woodsey Owl posters to Alice Hemsath
<b>May</b>	10 = State - applications to Chairs, see page 7 in the directory for all the Chairs 20 = State - all applications for all awards to Christine Martin
<b>July 15</b>	1 = Rocky Mt. Region all applications to Christine Martin
<b>Awards &amp; Youth Awards (National Regional and FGCN)</b>	Christine Martin Box 86 Friend, NE 68359 402-947-4291 402-540-2241 c Dzrcc8@yahoo.com
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<b>National Sculpture Award</b>	Marj Hastings 8231 E Detour RD Wellfleet, NE 69170 308-963-2226 gmhastings@nebnet.net Country Gardeners Garden Club
<b>NGC Woodsey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters</b>	Alice Hemsath 110 E 39th St E1 Kearney, NE 68847 308-224-3771 dhemsath@charter.net Soil Sisters and Misters Garden Club





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## ANNOUNCING 2023 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

**Children from first through fifth grade  
are invited to participate in this annual  
drawing contest featuring conservation icons  
Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl!**

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc., are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl.

view last year's contest winners:

<https://gardenclub.org/smokey-bear-woodsy-owl-poster-contest>.

### Smokey Bear says: "Only you can prevent wildfires!"



Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for wildfire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. Smokey's message, "Only you can prevent wildfires!" encourages personal responsibility for wildfire prevention. Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, burning yard waste, and matches. For more about Smokey Bear visit <https://smokeybear.com>.

### Woodsy Owl says: "Lend a hand—care for the land!"



Woodsy Owl is America's icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971, Woodsy has helped parents and teachers inspire children to observe, explore, and care for the environment. He challenges children to "Lend a hand, care for the land!" and to take an active role in caring for the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste; gardening, planting, and caring for trees; using resources wisely; and not littering. For more about Woodsy Owl visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids/woodsy-owl>.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Posters for the 2023 contest should be sent to the State Chair:  
Alice Hemsath, 110 East 39th Street E1, Kearney, NE 68847 by January 13, 2023

Encourage youth to make sure their titles are large and dark and easy to read.

## 2022 FGCN Awards

### **Arboriculture:**

Award may be given to a club member, garden club, group of garden clubs or other deserving groups for activities of: a) planting the greatest number of trees, b) educational program regarding the importance of trees, c) design, installation of a public arboretum or, d) volunteering in a public arboretum.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Friendly Federated Garden Clubs

### **Civic Development Awards:**

Awards for distinguished or conservation work making permanent improvement for public benefit, e.g. established sanctuaries, experimental forests, municipal gardens, landscaping public buildings or roadways. Any project that improves or beautifies the community will qualify. Projects that are a new phase or addition to a continuing project will be accepted with documentation. Maintenance, repair, replanting of already existing sites is not eligible.

1st Plattsmouth Garden Club - Veterans Garden at Garfield Park

2nd Ogallala Garden Club - Boot Hill Clean-up

### **Garden Therapy**

A Certificate and monetary award may be awarded to a club or clubs sponsoring an outstanding program in garden therapy whereby gardens are established to benefit the physically or learning challenged, residents in rest homes or care centers, schools, prisons, lower income housing. This could include barrier free gardening, community gardens, meditation gardens at hospitals, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Plattsmouth Garden Club

### **Landscape Design:**

#13A: COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD: A certificate and a monetary award to a club for a landscape design project to improve their community. Example: a landscaped community garden, a community feature such as a statue, fountain, park area, or community building, such as a firehouse, police station, library, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> Place Plattsmouth Garden Club

#13B: HOME LANDSCAPE DESIGN AWARD: A certificate and a monetary award to a member or members working together to landscape in good design a feature and/or area within a home property. Book of Evidence to include a description of the project: before and after pictures; expenses, number of persons involved; number of hours to complete the project; any publicity with date and name of publication.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Plattsmouth Garden Club

### **Photography:**

There were 4 categories each placing 1-3 or honorable mention, there were 11 photos from 4 members and 2 clubs:

#### Landscape:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Sunset on the waves: Dee Simons, Friendly Federated Garden Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sunrise with Arching Trees: Chris Martin, Friendly Federated Garden Club

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Fence Line: Julie Lester, Sunset Hills Garden Club

Honorable Mention: Rolling Water Lori Martin, Friendly Federated Garden Club

Beautiful Bloom:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Pink Rose Julie Lester, Sunset Hills Garden Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Purple Explosion: Chris Martin, Friendly Federated Garden Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Water Lilies: Lori Martin Friendly Federated Garden Club
- Honorable Mention: Tiger Lilies: Dee Simons, Friendly Federated Garden Club

Birds:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Snow with Red Neck Flicker: Julie Lester, Sunset Hills Garden Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Seagull Dancer: Chris Martin, Friendly Federated Garden Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Wren with an attitude: Dee Simons, Friendly Federated Garden Club

Black and White:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place "solarized Thistle" Dee Simons, Friendly Federated Garden Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 4 petal field cluster of White Flowers:
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Cemetery with Trees and white crosses: Chris Martin, Friendly Federated Garden Club
- Honorable Mention: Easter Lilies Lori Martin, Friendly Federated Garden Club

Top 4 of overall Selection:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pink Rose: Julie Lester: Sunset Hills Garden Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Purple Explosion: Chris Martin: Friendly Federated Garden Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Solarized Thistle: Dee Simons, Friendly Federated Garden Club
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Sunset on the Waves: Dee Simons Friendly Federated Garden Club

Honorable Mentions:

- Snow with Red Neck Flicker: Julie Lester Sunset Hills Garden Club
- Sunrise with Arching Trees: Chris Martin, Friendly Federated Garden Club

Jurors Personal Choices:

- Solarized Thistle: Dee Simons, Friendly Federated Garden Club
- Sunrise with Arching Trees: Chris Martin, Friendly Federated Garden Club

Scrapbook:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Friendly Federated Garden Club

Yearbooks

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Friendly Federated Garden Club

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More pictures from our Aug. 28th dinner at the home of Diane Peterson, Park City Garden Club President. The Utah members were very creative and gracious hostesses!







## Plants for a Cutting Garden

Some of us love bringing flowers indoors. Even in summer when there's an abundance outdoors, having them before you on the breakfast table makes for a wonderful start to the day. Some gardeners use the gathering of cuts as motivation to do less-favored duties; after the perennial bed is weeded, or after the kitchen is cleaned... flowers can be cut and brought indoors for a bouquet.



On days when it's too hot, too rainy, too cold or we're too busy, they bring the outdoors in, along with some fresh air and fragrance. And while outdoors it can take a lot of plants, and large blossoms, to really make an impact, indoors the tiniest of flowers tucked into the base of a small saltshaker can brighten a counter or tabletop.

Almost all plants are worthy of a closer look, including many we don't think of as vase-worthy. The leaves of hosta, Solomon's seal, coralbells, lady's mantle, brunnera and other "primarily foliage" plants are amazingly long-lived and they can provide filler for flowers that are in shorter supply. Vines like Virginia creeper, clematis, bittersweet, English or other ivies, periwinkle, grape vine and wintercreeper offer similar filler as well as delicate trailing vines to spread out around the vase.

Annuals are all about blooming. Pansies, tobacco plant (*Nicotiana*), cosmos, zinnia, lantana and many more are happy for the deadheading and do well as cuts. Mid-summer landscape plants for cutting include alliums, baby's breath, beebalm, black-eyed Susan, blazing star, coneflower, coreopsis, pincushion flower, roses, salvia, yarrow.

In fall, aster, sedum, goldenrod, sunflower, toad lily and turtlehead can be brought indoors to give them more attention. For drying: feverfew, amaranth, lavender, baby's breath and hydrangea. For seedheads, good selections include flue false indigo; poppy; Mexican hat coneflower and milkweed.

Trees and shrubs can be more finicky. Cuttings from some of them wilt almost immediately upon cutting, but viburnum, forsythia, lilac, fruit trees and many others offer wonderful options for bouquets. A few that offer particularly interesting branching or foliage include willow, dogwood, redbud, deutzia, camellia, witch hazel, hibiscus and hydrangea.

Almost without exception, the complex form and beauty of plants deserve more than a passing glance. Bringing them to eye level is one way to better enjoy them. And would we rather get that closer look while we're weeding around them, or by having them on our desks and tables?

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