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**"Be an Environmental Caretaker,
Learning, Correct Gardening
Practices."**

Spring is coming and many things to do in the garden and yards. We also have District Meetings in the very near future. The first District Spring Convention is Southeast District on March 16, 2015, the next District Spring Convention is South Central on March 19th, North Central District on March 20th, Northwest District is March 28th and Northeast District is April 16, 2015. Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc. is hosting the South Central Region Convention in Tulsa on April 10 and 11, 2015 at the Embassy Suites. Hope we will have a big group from Oklahoma attending the Convention. I am sure there will be plenty of things that we can all do to help. On May 1 and 2, 2015 will be our State Convention in Oklahoma City hosted by North Central District. The National Convention will be May 15-18, 2015 at Louisville, Kentucky.

This will be my last article for the Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc. I hope that I have been of help to you during my term. Thank you so much for your assistance and allowing me to serve as your President for the term of 2013-2015.

Sincerely, Roberta Burns

President Burns took responsibility for Insurance Coverage for OGC since the company office is in Guthrie:

1) A notice of Bond Insurance due was not submitted to Treasurer by Insurance Agency Dwight Gummerson. President Burns paid the \$376 with the President's Debit Card.

2) A notice was sent stating this company would no longer cover our Organization through Hartford Insurance.

3) President Burns acquired insurance through RV NUCCIO & Associates [Underwritten by Fireman's Fund] effective on 1/30/2015.

Fireman's Fund is recommended to Subordinates by NGC

Insurance Coverage:

1) 'Property Plus': \$10,000, Coverage on items that are in HDQTRS; Copy Machine, furnishings, records, etc. Cost \$112 annually.

2) 'Liability Plus': \$1,000,000, Liability Coverage for meetings we hold in Districts, HDQTRS, Wildflower Workshop, State Convention for 10 meetings annually. President Burns is checking for additional meetings added. Cost \$315 annually.

3) 'Directors & Officers Liability': \$100,000, Covers Board of Directors for possible Slander-type Lawsuits. Cost \$87.50 annually.

ATTENTION:SCR CONVENTION EMBASSY SUITES HAS BOOKED ALL OF THE ROOMS ASSIGNED. BUT NEXT-DOOR IS COURTYARD TULSA CENTRAL 3340 S 79TH E AVE. HOLDING 35 ROOMS FRIDAY AND 35 ROOM FOR SATURDAY AT THE SAME PRICE OF \$109.00 CALL 1-918-660-0646 AND ASK FOR SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL.

The State Board held their meeting on February 13 in OKC at Headquarters.



President, Roberta Burns, and Secretary Pro-Tem, Donna Marsheck

Watching something grow is good for morale. It helps you believe in life.
Myron S. Kaufman
Chicken Soup for the Gardener Soul



Charlene Wells is giving the Treasurer's Report
Checking account of 10/1/2014 through 02/13/2015 balance was \$5,032.98. The total checking/savings account is \$232,770.63.

Officer Reports

Mary Ann Holman – First Vice President hopes that all can come to the State Convention to be held in Oklahoma City.

Linda Lawson - The Second Vice President thus far has received two (2) scholarship applications from very outstanding students. National Garden Clubs has moved the deadline from March 15 to March 1. Therefore, the date for state chair had to be moved from March 1 to February 15. This needed to be done to reflect the National deadline. This is also the year that a Regional Scholarship is offered.

Revisions Chair;

The Second Vice President has worked on standing rules changes, and is looking forward to working with the 2015 state convention committee.

Awards report is that I have mailed awards entries to Regional and National Chairman. Thanks to the chairpersons and panels of judges who helped with the contests.

Presidents Reports

North Central – Clara Bishop

This last four months have been very challenging and productive.

Cushing Gladiolus Garden Club hosted the NCD Fall Board Meeting at the World Wide China Painters' Building in Oklahoma City. We also had a small Flower Show, at Chandler, judging both horticulture and fruit.

Oklahoma City Council held a Flower Show, at Will Rogers Exhibition Building's Christmas Celebration, which this President attended and entered both horticulture and floral designs, receiving several blue ribbons and reds, along with the "Designer's Choice in a Floral Design". Other members supported the show, provided lunch as a funding project and decorated a large tree in the Rotunda. They also have plant

sales and support the Fall Festival in the Park. The Oklahoma City Council is also hosting the spring 2015 Convention, March 20, 2015, at Will Rogers. OSU Horticulturist Howard Haldor, is speaking on "All American Selections, past, Present and Future". This will be the Installation of New Officers for the next administration. To make reservations contact Marilyn Lahr, 10208 Lexi Ct, Midwest City, OK 73130-5362, 405-831-6459.

Three NCD members attended Tulsa Garden Club's Christmas luncheon and helped judge the center Piece Designs. It was Outstanding.

Midwest City Council has A Holiday Decorated Homes Tour and Tea each year. Their President bought five more cookbooks from me, which was an OGC Fund raiser. She and her husband met us near the Turnpike to make the exchange, when we were on our way to Tulsa's Luncheon. When there's a will, there's a way!

Three members made a trip to Los Vegas, not the casinos, but to a Flower Show Judges Instructors' Symposium. On the way, we visited a previous OGC State Secretary and member, Jean Carriker, our 'Roving Reporter'. She took us on a two day tour of Phoenix, including a visit to the Valley of the Sun Botanical Garden. She is a marvelous host and entertainer. Any OK Club member going her way

should stop by. Flowers were blooming everywhere and oranges and grapefruit in her yard were laden with fruit, ready for picking. As we continued through Arizona, we saw the Meteor Crater, created by one landing some billions of years ago. This was a very educational trip.

Ponca Council has an Herb Festival, plant sale and many other projects supporting Ponca City.

NCD is hosting the OGC Spring 2015 Convention and we have almost all the details finalized and ready to present to the Board, today. Plans have changed from having it in Guthrie, to Oklahoma City, May 1-2-2015, at the Holiday Inn OKC Airport, 4401 SW 15th Street. More hotels and more competition, gave us a better deal on rooms and food.

My President's term is coming to an end and going out with a bang. This gardener has thoroughly enjoyed it all, but looks forward to more gardening and less clubbing this spring.

Southwest District – Lucy Clinton

Lucy Clinton was absent, but sent her districts written reports. **These are all yearly reports to Lucy and your Editor has condensed some for lack of space.**

Dahlia GC is located in Walters, and the club started the year delivering

baked goods, fruit and candy to shut-ins on Valentine's Day. This is our favorite civic activity and program of the year because we share time with residents of our community. On March 27, Melanie Spence, VP of SWD and President of Walter Dahlia GC attended the SWD meeting in FT. Cobb. For the NGC convention, the club was assigned to fill the gift bags and greet guests at the welcome desk. Shirley Johnston helped to prepare the designs for the tables at each dinner. At the NGC Convention Shirley received a pin for NGC Lifetime Membership by the NGC President. The club was able to take a field trip in June to River Bend nature Center and Butterfly Conservatory in Wichita Falls, TX. The SWD hosted the OGC Convention in July, which the Dahlia GC took home awards for the 2013 Press Book, and various poster contests. We featured a 'Yard of the Month' contest in the summer and early fall which was featured in the Walters Herald. The year ended with a Christmas Party at Mary Ann Holman's home where they planned and executed the Christmas Home Tour.

The Rose Unit GC of Grandfield did not have very many projects for 2014. We planted peonies in the flower boxes at the Senior Citizen's Center. We baked various

desserts, made various decorative items, helped in taking care of serving the meals and cleaning the tables. Our Senior Citizen's Center is extremely important to this town and we are always ready to help them in their benefits. We planned to plant various plants and flowers at our local Roadside Park but the weather has been so dry that they would not have survived. Geneva Redway, Secretary.

Pansy GC of Lawton organized on May 29, 1947 and Federated July 21, 1947. We have 11 members including one new member this year. In 1997, we celebrated our 50th year and in 2007 celebrated our 60th year. One of our member's and current president, Sue Penepacker has been a member since 1965. In 2010, we purchased and planted shrubs for a new Habitat for Humanity home in Lawton. In 2011, we planted wild flowers in Elmer Thomas City Park and in 2012; we purchased and planted 25 plants at the First Presbyterian Church in Lawton. Favorite programs include gardening ideas and field trips to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, a lavender farm and other area gardening attractions.

Cement GC reported that they had a great 2014. We met every month except November due to bad weather. All of our meetings were very interesting this year. We learned how

to prune Crape Myrtles and how to make Christmas Wreaths. Our June meeting we met at a greenhouse to choose our yearly flowers for the Memorial Peace Garden. The December meeting was a Christmas Tour of Homes and it was very enjoyable for all the members that attended. We also held an engraved brick fundraiser to raise money for some updates to the Memorial Peace Garden. We received the bricks a few weeks ago and they will be placed in the early spring. We currently have nine (9) active members. Elizabeth Haworth

Ft. Cobb Improvement GC Our year started with a bang. January meeting had Marty Nightingale giving a program on “Raised Beds”. February was an interesting program on ‘composting’ given by Letha Wilson. March winds blew the owls into our meeting with a program “Planning District Convention” which was held at the Fort Cobb Lake Building on March 27. Our group made and served homemade lasagna, salad and bread. Door prizes were potholders made by some of the members. April was another interesting program on ‘Hummingbirds’. May was time to set out bedding plants with the program was “Be a Rock Star” by Mary Jean and she had lots of pictures and good tips for using rocks in your landscape.

Ahh June! We all met at Plasters Café for our annual Brunch. A good time was held as we breakfasted together. Fair Time was our annual District Fair and Flower Show, September 4-6, 2014 hosted by the Ft. Cobb Improvement GC. Our September meeting was held at the First Methodist Church and Lucy Clinton gave the program on “Storm Damage”. A foliage trip was planned but was canceled at last minute due to no color, but we met at the First Baptist Church where Mary Jean showed pictures that were taken at the Dallas Arboretum. November meeting was a program on “Making Wreaths” and several different styles were shown. December was a Christmas Luncheon on the ninth at the First Baptist Church with a program on “Christmas”

Southeast District – Connie Taylor

No Report

South Central – Linda Lawson

My South Central District President report is the Fall Board meeting held in Norman on October 16 at Sooner Legends Inn. The Council of Norman Garden Clubs hosted this meeting with 34 members in attendance. There were six guests attending, including State President Roberta Burns, First Vice

President Mary Ann Holman, NCD President Clara Bishop, Judges Chairman Shirley Johnston, and former Regional Director and current Flower Show School Chairman Judy Grotts.

The SCD Convention will be held in Ardmore on March 19 at the Ardmore Garden Center from 9:30 am to 3 pm.

Northwest District – Barbara Faulkner

No report

Northeast District – Opal Vosse

Opal Vosse, President was in attendance, but no written district report. Opal did give a Horticulture program on the conditioning/sterilizing garden soil for potting soil. No date was given for a Spring Covention.

Website Report

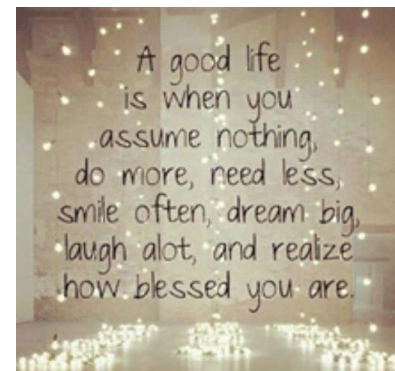
Bettie Cooper told that part of the job as website chairman is to monitor the emails. Parts of these emails are from someone who wants to join a garden club and are asking if there is a garden club in the town where they live. I forward these emails to someone in that district that I think will respond to

them and I usually send a copy to the state president.

But I had an interesting email that I thought I would share with you. I won't read the whole letter but just part of it.

“My grandfather will turn 80 in the end of October. He has been working in railroad, including Union Pacific, as a machinist for 47 years and traveled each and every state. When he retired he started gardening and planting and still enjoys it very much. He has a lot of flowers in his house as well. Our family is quite large, so we discussed what to gift him for his birthday. The final idea was to bring him indoor plants where each plant would be grown in a natural soil of particular state. As a memory of places he visited and valuable addition to his home collection.”

They asked for three (3) pounds of soil....so I shipped to Iowa three (3) pounds of soil from my garden and for good measure threw in some Gaillardia seeds and rose rocks along with information about the being the state wildflower and state rock.





Opal Vosse & Barbara Markwardt
Ready for lunch



Mardi McKenzie and
Fran Blades getting ready for lunch.

Donna Marsheck read the recommendations from the Executive Committee:

#1. Concerning the 990N ez Postcard IRS reporting:

Add to Bylaws under the "Treasurer":

6 a. The Treasurer or an appointed Chairman, ratified by the committee, file each subordinate member 990N ez Postcard annually.

6 b. Should a subordinate member choose to file their 990N ez Postcard, said subordinate must submit annually an 'IRS Copy of Receipt' to the (OGC) appropriate officer.

Recommendations were ratified by the Board of Directors, and are included in this Newsletter as per Bylaws to be taken to State Convention for a vote.

South Central Region Convention Report

As of today I have no idea how many will be coming to this convention, but I am only planning on around 50. A terrible number, but as most were in Norman last year, I just cannot see many coming even if it is an installation year.

This I know, I have asked for 50 welcome bags, and I have been accumulating items for the bags in batches of 50. Aline Saturday of the Mannford Garden Club is trying to acquire 50 welcome bags for me.

I know the bus cost will be \$667 and we will need to pass the envelope around for Leroy Henson, the driver, as he did not put his cost into the price of the bus. I have asked if on the way to the gardens, he can show us

something of Tulsa. Do not know what, ORU Prayer Tower I guess.

The box lunches from Panera bread are Smoked Ham & Swiss for 10 @ \$8.99 will cost \$89.90, Sierra Turkey 20 of them @ 8.99 will cost \$179.80 and if I get Asiago steak sandwiches 10 of them at a cost of \$9.99 will be \$99.90. This does not include the \$10 to deliver to the hotel and the taxes. So far, only the sandwiches for 40 of them are \$379.60 plus delivery and tax.

Flowers are another item on the agenda. They will be ordered and must have four (4) separate displays. I hope to have a meeting early March to discuss all the arrangements, which will become the door prizes.

There has not been any information sent out asking for door prizes, or welcome bag items so I have taken it upon myself to gather what I think will be nice items for the bags. I also have seen no information going out on this convention at all other than my registration forms in the newsletter, of which they will be in this next issue of the winter issue again.

Oklahoma is the host of this convention. I hope to put on as good a SCR convention as the ones to which I have attended.

Marillyn Lay - SCR Chairman

Bird Report

Clara Bishop reported she has received 12 entries. They were Four (4) from Southwest District and eight (8) from the South Central District.

Newsletter Report

I have created fourteen (14) OGC Newsletters. The Fall/Winter Issue of 2014 was created right after the State Board meeting was held on October 21, 2014.

The Fall Issue was mailed on November 24, 2014. The printing was at a cost of \$225.00 and the cost for mailing was \$43.96. Total cost for the Fall Newsletter was \$268.96. This does not count the returned newsletters.

This OGC Newsletter was printed by Sylvan Printing. Odyssey Digital Printing, as stated in my summer report has been sold so our free printing in the memory of John Roberds Mother has ended. Odyssey printed our Summer Issue at a price of \$222.00 for the printing of 230 newsletters. Sylvan Printing was at a cost of \$225.00 for the printing of 250 newsletters. Sylvan Printing is the company that did my National Convention Booklet. I added to the cover page 'Address Service Requested' as of now; the Post Office non-profit newsletters are tossed away.

I thought I was really good as I was not getting any back, and now I know why. I had a return of 17 at a cost of .57 cents.

As I have reported before, the postage for mailing is still at a price of \$0.173 for 150 newsletters whether we send that many or not. In the 74 zip area and 0.191 for the mixed zip codes, but have been told again the Tulsa Mail Center may be closed by the end of the 2014 year, but is still in business.

I mailed a printed copy to 222 members and I am emailing 188 newsletters online of the fall issue. This is a total of 410 newsletters going out to the garden club members who have requested a copy. After receiving a partial listing of the membership from our state treasurer, I have been able to delete some of these names. Garden Clubs who have disassociated or disbanded from the state, or those who have dropped membership, or passed away, this winter issue will go out to 208 down from 222 mailings and to the email of 188 up to 197.

I also mail the OGC Newsletters to the Waconiah, the Pacific Region which consists of garden clubs in the states of Washington, Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska and Hawaii, to the New Mexico Gardener, the Key Notes which is the South Atlantic Region

Newsletter and consists of garden clubs in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia and to the Lone Star Gardener of Texas. I also mail to the NGC President and to National Headquarters.

I repeat this in each report I give, I had to reach out to some of you as you do not give me a written copy of your report. I do not do shorthand, nor do I bring a recorder, so if you wish your District news and pictures of events in the newsletter, I must receive the week after this board meeting.

The Winter Issue will begin as soon as this February 13, 2015 State Board meeting is over.

I am requesting that Sylvan Printing do this next issue, but this time I will have a larger font size.

Marillyn Lay

OGC Newsletter Editor

Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc. Nominating Committee Report

The following nominees are:

President Mary Ann Holman
First Vice President Linda Lawson
Second Vice President:

Mardi McKenzie
Secretary Marillyn Lay
Treasurer Donna Marsheck
Historian Shirley Johnston

The Nominating Committee members are:

Northwest District April Ridgway
South Central District Dina Atnip

North Central District	Mary Early
Southwest District	Lucy Clinton
Southeast District	no representative
Northeast District	Marillyn Lay

Marillyn Lay – Chairman

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Announcement:

The IRS sent the following statement in the SS-4 forms:
 “Delete subordinates no longer included in the group exemption letter. If you delete subordinates, mark them on the listing as deleted and notify the deleted subordinates that they may be required to file federal tax returns and reports because they are no longer covered by a group exemption ruling”.

State Convention

May 1-2 Holiday Inn OKC Airport
 4401 SW 15th Street, 1-405-601-7272
 Oklahoma City, OK

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

SWD March 9 TBA
 SED March 16 First United
 Methodist Church, Caddo
 SCD March 19 Ardmore Garden Ctr.
 500 Stanley Ave, Ardmore
 NCD March 20 Will Rogers
 Exhibition Building, OKC
 NWD March 28 The Runnymede
 4th Street, Alva
 NED April 16



The Be's of Membership

Be willing to accept new challenges. The fear of failure, or embarrassment, of “looking bad” inhibits our ability to succeed. Mistakes are part of the learning process.

Be willing to work with new people and projects. Working with different people improves our social skills and opens our minds to different approaches.

Be willing a leadership position. The path not taken often is regretted for a lifetime. Accept new roles as opportunities, not duties.

Be open to new ideas while developing your leadership skills. All true leaders know how to compromise and be diplomatic.

Be kind. Garden club members are caring, compassionate, curious, and creative people who love their communities and gardens.

Be ready to grow, as a gardener, as a member, as a leader.

Be an engaged, informed, and enthusiastic member. The power of one multiplied accomplishes great things.

Be willing to accept change. Be open to suggestions and implement those that will improve your organization.

Be active in recruiting new members. Healthy clubs have active members.

Sandra H. Robinson, President-Elect
 Membership Chairman

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION of
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS INC.**

86th Annual Spring Convention

“Living on Tulsa Time”

Hosted by Oklahoma Garden Clubs Inc.

April 10 - 11, 2015

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Please print your name as you would like it to appear on your name tag.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Garden Club _____

Please circle (all that apply)

SCR Officer SCR Chair State President Club

President Club member Guest

Environmental Consultant-Landscape Consultant

Gardening Consultant, Flower Show Judge

National Life member Region Life member

First Time attendee

Please make checks payable to *OK Garden Clubs Inc. 2015 convention* and mail to:

Bettie Cooper

4819 W Caddo Marlow, OK 73055

Phone: 580-658-5350

E-mail – bettiec@wichtaonline.net

Embassy has booked all our assigned rooms. Please make your room reservations now at:

Courtyard Central Tulsa

3340 S 79th E. Ave, Tulsa OK 74145

Please book your hotel room before March 27. You may call 1-918-660-0646 and ask for “South Central Regional” All King Beds.

Please mark FULL TIME Package or items in Registration Area.

**Early FULL TIME package (circle)
\$160.00**

(Includes – Registration fee, Bus Tour To Linnaeus Teaching Gardens and lunch, Friday Banquet & Design Program, Saturday lunch and Banquet)

Late FULL TIME package _____ \$175.00
(Postmarked after March 29)

Part Time Registration \$ 25.00 \$ _____

Friday April 10, 2015

Tour/Linnaeus/lunch \$ 45.00 \$ _____

Banquet & Program \$ 35.00 \$ _____

Saturday April 11, 2015

Luncheon/Program \$ 27.00 \$ _____

Banquet \$ 46.00 \$ _____

TOTAL Money sent \$ _____

Please let us know if you have any special/medical dietary needs.

Note: no refunds on registration after 3/29/15.

Registration fee NON-REFUNDABLE

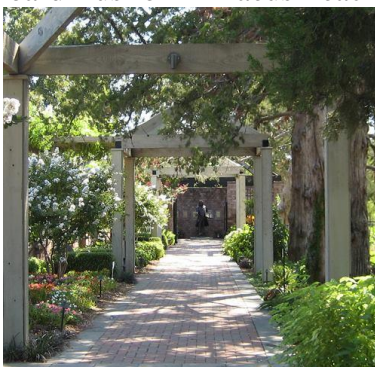
Convention Schedule – Tulsa, Oklahoma

Friday April 10, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration

Breakfast on your own

9:15 am - Board Bus for Linnaeus Teaching Gardens



10:00 am to 2:30 p.m. - Tour and box lunch at Tulsa Garden Center/Linnaeus Teaching Gardens and SpringFest Garden Market and Festival

One-Stop Shop – over 50 vendors selling everything from plants, pottery & Garden Art to Chocolates

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – SCR Executive Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Cash Bar in Lobby

7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. - Dinner/Program

Tom Martin AIFD, CFD

“Perception and Perspective”

Saturday April 11, 2015

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. – Registration

Breakfast on your own

10:00 a.m. - Official Opening of the 86th Annual SCR Convention
SCR General Meeting

Program – Tall Grass Prairie Wildflowers

12:00 Noon to 2:00 pm – Luncheon

“Honoring SCR State Presidents”

Program – ‘Orchids’ by Dr. Kay Backues, DVM

Member of the American Orchid Society, Past President of the Tulsa Orchid Society and Director of Animal Health for the Tulsa Zoo and Member of the American College of Zoological Medicine

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Workshop

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – General Meeting Continuation (If needed)

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Reception for SCR Director Nancy Voyles – Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Memorial Service/Installation of Officers

Awards Program by Suzy Andrego SCR Awards Chairman