



## National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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"Be an environmental caretaker by learning correct gardening practices."

Remember the dates—April 30, May 1-3, 2013. If you don't remember these dates this is when we host the 2014 National Convention in our home state of Oklahoma at the Embassy Suites in Norman. We have a lot to do and a few helpers. I encourage you to participate in this Convention as it is fun as well as a lot of work. We are in need of items for the ditty bags, helpers with flowers and many other jobs. We have another big job coming forward and that is the South Central Region Convention in 2015.

In central and eastern areas of the state have been blessed with rain showers. Flowers are looking good for County Fairs and Flower Shows. I urge to enter these contests on the local level and help our Communities. This term will be promoting education especially in the area of air, water, forest, land and wildlife. This can be done by having a program for the community with a speaker or one of your own club members presenting the program.

I attended the Wildflower Workshop in Alva in June. The Northwest District did a great job with April Ridgeway as their leader. A "thank you" goes to April Ridgeway and the Native Plant Society. I also attended the Apogon Iris Garden Club in June and had the opportunity to do their installation of officers for the incoming year. We had a Convention meeting at Headquarters on July 15<sup>th</sup> and a meeting of our Board of Directors at the Headquarters on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

This will be a busy two years but I know I will enjoy getting to meet club members in various areas of the state. Happy trails. Roberta

Message from Your Chaplain



As we gather today for our OGC Board meeting, may we greet each other with LOVE and especially new ones on our Board. Our Heritage is rich with Past endeavors and may we go on to more accomplishments.

Be with our Officers and Chairmen and especially our President as we go forward. This is another two year administration. A "New Beginning" and Bless us as we proceed with the business of this day.

May we work in harmony as we host the 2014 NGC Convention, and work as a team.

Thank you for all the Blessings in our lives. Bless all our Officers, Chairmen and District Presidents on this new board. Amen

With love, Doris Rae Arens, Chaplain



The National Convention Committee met on July 15 to go over the plans to make sure we were on the right road to Norman come 2014. Donna Marscheck is discussing plans for each of us.

Gardening is a way of showing you believe in tomorrow.

The flowers of all tomorrows are the seeds of today.

You can bury a lot of troubles digging in the dirt.

Bounty Paper Towels



Mary Ann Holman, Chairman of the welcome Bags. The bags will be stored in OKC until closer to the convention. She plans to put together the items for the welcome bags in Walters with a little help from her friends. We will put the items in smaller plastic bags and bring them ready to put into each bag at the registration desk where they will be handed out as our guests register.

Mary Ann told the needed items for the welcome bag should be useful and appropriate. Please let her know what you, your club or some other entity might want to contribute.

They need 400 of each item (but this doesn't have to come from one person or source we could have several donate the same thing, the brands might be different but the item would be the same). Mary Ann listed a few things that she thinks could come in handy

We will have pens donated and she is working on note pads. Other items they can use are, dental floss, hand cream, hand sanitizer, emory boards, small candies, chewing gum, sewing kit, magnifying glass (hand held and small).

Notify Mary Ann with your suggestions or what you might want to contribute.



Preparing for the business of the day as we broke into our separate group.



Bettie Cooper is creating the beautiful OGC quilt which is not quite finished but is close enough for this newsletter. We will sell chances on the quilt for \$1 each. Not sure yet when we will have the drawing.



Left to right Barbara Faulkner, NWD President, April Ridgway, and Wanda Cox, President of Alva Garden Council and Alva Tulip GC

### **The Wildflower Workshop**

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual Wildflower Workshop was held on Friday, June 7, 2013 at Northwestern Oklahoma State University Student Center Ballroom, in Alva, OK. A field trip to the Great Salt Plains national Wildlife Refuge followed on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. April Ridgway, President of Alva Garden Council and Alva Tulip Club, coordinated the statewide event which is sponsored jointly by the Oklahoma Garden Clubs and the Oklahoma Native Plant Society, and hosted by the Northwest District of the Oklahoma Garden

Clubs, Inc. Elaine Lynch, Oklahoma Native Plant Society, assisted with coordinating program speakers and vendors.

Approximately 50 people statewide attended the workshop and were welcomed by Roberta Burns, President of Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc. and Alex Mantz, Alva Chamber of Commerce. Exhibits of native plants, books, seeds, and gifts were on display by various vendors. Alva Petunia and Tulip Garden Club provided refreshments of cookies, coffee and tea. The local garden clubs decorated the tables with attractive bird houses and greenery from their yards.

Speakers provided Educational and interesting presentations throughout the day. Brooke Bonner, OSU botanist discussed "Vegetation of the Great Salt Plains." She identified plants that would grow on the salt flats, on the margins, and other tall and short grasses and vegetation in the area. Dr. Adam Ryburn, OSU biologist and plant taxonomist, explained "The Flora of Oklahoma – Past, Present, and Future."

The next speaker, Craig Williams, a professional landscaper from Lawton, OK, gave a passionate speech entitled "The WOWfactor in Wildflowers." Mr. Williams talked about beautification efforts to keep tourists in Oklahoma, and presented all attendees with individual sacks of wildflowers and seed packets to encourage growth of native plants.

After lunch, Karen Hickman, OSU ecologist and Alva native, spoke on "Oklahoma Invasive Plant Council's Dirty Dozen." The invasive species were hydrilla (the only aquatic plant on the list), cheat grass, Johnson grass, field brome, smooth brome, yellow bluestem, nodding thistle, Russian thistle, eastern red cedar, Chinese privet, Japanese honeysuckle, saltcedar, and Siberian elm.

Dr. Sheila Strawn, editor of the Oklahoma Native Plant Record, presented a history of "The Evolution of the Oklahoma Native Plant Record." All twelve previous editions are currently archived on the OSU library website as e-journals. Dr. Strawn encouraged members to submit research papers and photographs of native plants in

their natural habitat to their website [www.oknativeplants.org](http://www.oknativeplants.org).

After a brief break, Dr. Rod Murrow, owner of Murrow's FrameArt, Alva, OK, presented a slideshow and discussion entitled "From Pixels to Pixies: An Introduction to Flower Photography." Dr. Murrow gave some valuable tips on photographing wildflowers and some beautiful photos taken along roadsides in Woods and Alfalfa counties.

After dinner, Dr. Stephen Thompson, NWOSU biologist and plant ecologist, entertained the group with "Botany at 54 mph." His slideshow referred to learning to recognize wildflowers while driving down the highway. Due to heavy oilfield traffic on Northwest District roads, stopping to admire wildflowers can be extremely hazardous.

Attendees assembled at the NWOSU parking lot on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> to board a chartered bus to the Great Salt Plains. A box lunch was provided. Dr. Thompson led the group on an interesting and educational walking tour of the Great Salt Plains National Refuge. Dr. Thompson received rave reviews for his impressive knowledge of the many species encountered on the field trip.



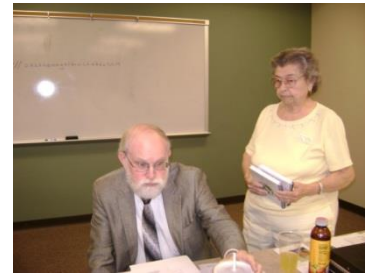
Dr. Steven Thompson, NWOSU discusses the field trip to the Great Salt Plains.

August 11

Dogs Days end

According to garden lore, if you hang several  
Old buckets in a plum tree,  
The plant will produce lost of fruit.

Old Farmer's Almanac - 2013



Roberta Burns, OGC President and Jim Lawson, Parliamentarian

### District Presidents Reports

#### **District Presidents:**

**North Central:** Clara Bishop was present but had no written report.

**Southwest** Lucille Clinton reported State Convention will be held in Lawton July 22, 2014 at the Great Plains Tech Center. Lucy also reported the SW District will be holding a Flower Show titled "Fall Preview". This show will be held at the Central Mall – Dillard's Court in Lawton.

**Southeast:** Dr. Connie Taylor was not able to be present and sent no report.

**South Central:** Linda Lawson was present but had no written report

**Northwest:** Barbara Faulkner was not present as husband is ill and sent no report.

**Northeast:** Aline Saturday was present but had no written report.

**Treasurer's Report**

Charlene Well reported that the following clubs have not paid their dues:

NED Bixby and Miami. Charlene also reported Garten Thyme will go inactive.

NWD Iris Unit and Rose of Guymon

SCD Flora Belle and Tulip of Norman

NCD – SWD – SCD - ALL HAVE PAID



Bettie Cooper showing the Oklahoma Gardening magazine that tells of plants, flowers in our area.

**Horticulture Report**

Opal Vosse, Chairman, was present but had no written report.

**Habitat for Humanity**

Barbara Markwardt, Chairman was present, but had no written report.



Roberta leading our meeting



Bettie Cooper I holding one of the pictures that is for sale. There are large and small pictures are a fundraiser for the Convention.



Mary Ann Holman presenting the National Lorene Martin Spillers Scholarship to Brett Johnson



Happy faces ready to begin the day

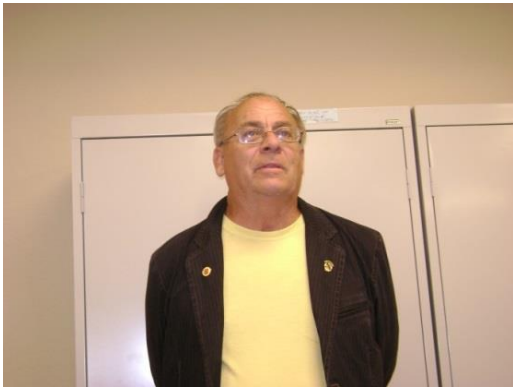


Donna Marsheck told at the Durant Convention, she hoped to bring a National Scholarship to Brett.

Donna, Sarah Johnson, Brett Johnson and Scholarship Chairman Mary Ann Holman



Dave Edwards spoke to the group about the lease we have at the OSU Horticultural Center in Oklahoma City that will be coming up soon, and the place we call Headquarters. The reason Dave was smiling so big as his retirement and last day was to be Friday after our meeting on Tuesday.



Craig Williams gave a good program and presented each of us with three plants



Judy Grotts presented Craig his National membership pin in Durant, but at this board meeting he was presented with the membership card.

Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.

Sally Koch

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**Remember !!!**  
**All Youth Contest entries**  
**must first go to your**  
**District Chairman.**  
**The District Chairman**  
**will then send the District**  
**winners to the State**  
**Chairman.**

**District Chairman,**  
**here are your State Chairmen**

**YOUTH CONTEST:**

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**2013-2014 –Litter & Pollution “Protect Nature – Prevent Pollution”**

**2013-2014 - AIR Conservation: “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly”**

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**Woodsy Owl: “Lend a hand – Care for the Land”**

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**2014-2015 Theme - "Choosing to Make a  
Difference for a Better World"**

**2013-2014 Theme: "Today's Choices  
Affect Tomorrow's World"**

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# WILDFLOWER WORKSHOP BUDGET

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April 7 & 8, 2013

Final Budget:

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
Wildflower Workshop Funds	\$2000.00	
Monies collected from registrations (58)	\$2558.00	
Refund for Wilkerson (cancellation due to illness)		\$ 72.00
Rental of equipment for Friday (screen and projector)		\$ 50.00
Fee for Oklahoma Tax Commission event registration		\$ 50.00
Brooke Bonner expense fee		\$ 24.55
Bus fuel		\$ 63.82
Bus insurance		\$425.00
Hospitality for Friday meeting (coffee, tea, paper ware)		\$ 18.78
Lunch on Friday		\$392.00
Dinner on Friday		\$360.00
Box lunches for Saturday field trip		\$216.00
Printing and mailing of brochures and programs		\$229.50
Seed for attendees favor packets (1lb.)		\$ 36.75
Total Income	\$4558.00	
Total Expenses		\$1938.40
Remaining Funds	\$2619.60	