



Two Creeks Garden Club Ripples

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Next Meeting

August 17, 2023
 Field Trips/Program
 Native Plants
 You Can Grow!
 Kathee's Rain
 Garden
 WCEO Waystation
 and Beds
 2-4:30 p.m.

Hostesses:
 Kathee Morgeson
 Mary Ann Hext



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The Monarch Blitz is here!

From July 28-August 6, join thousands of volunteers from across North America to look for monarchs (all life stages) and milkweed.

Everyone is invited to participate in the Monarch Blitz. Each observation shared with Journey North will contribute to collective understanding of monarch populations and habitat at this time of year. Your participation is vital now more than ever as we work to conserve and protect this amazing species.

Click here to [Learn how to participate in the Monarch Blitz»](#)

Click here to [Report your monarch and milkweed observations»](#)

Journey North and other participating organizations will share data gathered over these ten days with the [Trinational Monarch Knowledge Network](#), a central hub for monarch data. The Blitz is organized by the Trinational Monarch Conservation Science Partnership. Learn more about this partnership on the [Commission for Environmental Cooperation](#) Monarch Blitz webpage.

If you participate, please let Carolyn know so this can be included in our GCKY Awards Applications!

Enjoy the search!

**Join the
 Monarch Blitz!**

28 July - 6 August 2023

Partners





President's Corner—Carolynn Burton

Summer is speeding past us and sometimes our energy droops as much as the flowers in our gardens on a hot day. However, we have many exciting events coming up in the remainder of summer and into the fall. Get some rest and get ready for some fabulous garden club fun.

Welcome to Lee Ann Pearson who joined our club in July.

The flower show in September is coming up and Susan let me know that the flower classes are full. That is wonderful!

Susan and Mary Ann Hext have been working on the blue star marker garden and it's looking good. The garden has required many buckets of water to be hauled to the site and a lot of rose care. Members of the club met at Phil Moore Park on July 26 and cared for the garden there. Weeding and dividing plants were a big part of that work evening. The plant divisions did not go to waste as members took them to refresh their gardens or start new plants they did not have in their gardens.

The committee for the Houchen's Center Trees of Christmas met on July 28 at Rhonda' house for a "Christmas in July" meeting. The meeting was very productive and we have already scheduled our first work day to make some of the ornaments for the tree. The committee has chosen a "Candy Lane" theme for the Two Creeks tree. On page 3 is a list of items we would like club members to donate or let us borrow for the tree. It's a 9 foot tree so it takes a lot of decorations to complete the tree. The committee will also be making decorations for the tree and have scheduled their first work day.

Please bring items for our Ways & Means committee chair to sell at our meetings. Stephany Carter is the chair of this committee. Also, email pictures to myself and Mary Ann Hext of any garden events or work days you attend.

There are many dates in our newsletter so please read it all! I appreciate the work each one of you contribute to the success of our club.

Respectfully, Carolynn Burton

TCGC 2023 & 2024 IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ **September 20: Cardinal Council Flower Show at Houchens Center, Setup September 19**
- ◆ **September 21: Two Creeks meeting**, Sharon Hartz and Mary-Anne Powers hostesses
- ◆ **September 27-28: NGC Environmental School Course 1: BK Library**, registration brochure on CC website at www.cardinalcouncilgc.org
- ◆ **October 16: Cardinal Council Fall Meeting**, BK Library, hosted by WEGC
- ◆ **October 18: Dogwood District Meeting**, Severns Valley Church, Elizabethtown, KY hosted by The Garden Club of Elizabethtown & Potted Few Garden Club
- ◆ **March 17-19, 2024: SAR Convention**, Greenville, SC
- ◆ **April 8-11, 2024: GCKY Convention**, Berea
- ◆ **June 2-5, 2024: NGC Convention**, Denver, CO



Upcoming Gardening Events

- ◆ **August 11-12: Franklin Simpson GC Flower Show:** The Old Favorite on the Square, Friday 5-7:30 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- ◆ **August 26: Native Plant Sale:** Lost River Cave, 10 a.m. -4 p.m.
- ◆ **October 1-23: Scarecrow Trail:** Lost River Cave
- ◆ **October 14: 5th Annual Harvest Festival:** SoKY Marketplace
- ◆ **October 14-15: Nashville Rose Society Rose Show:** Cheekwood, 1-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.



Summer Happenings in My Yard by Mary Ann Hext

Summer is definitely here with hot dry weather and very little rain on our side of the county. I am spending lots of time watering my roses, vegetable garden, and pots; and this past week, I even watered my butterfly garden and lilac bush as they were looking so wilted. We did get 1/2 inch of rain a few nights ago and that has really helped the plants perk up.

In the meantime, I have been enjoying watching the hummingbird activity at my feeders. One feeder is hanging from the deck by the kitchen window so we enjoy watching them come and go while we are eating meals. In April and May, I only saw one or two at a time, but now I have many more; and they are quite active. With the hot muggy weather, I am still only filling them about 1/3 full and replacing every three days if there is any left. Be sure to rinse your feeders 2-3 times with hot water and brush out any mold that is in the bottles. Also clean the feeder part with a brush each time you refill. I recently read this about hummers in *Birds and Blooms*. I didn't realize that when they start migrating south, they don't fly in groups:

"Many kinds of birds, from geese to goldfinches, typically migrate in flocks. But hummingbirds travel as loners—each individual navigates on its own. Even young birds making their first southward migration fly solo, without any guidance from their parents. Instead, they rely on instinct.

Hummingbirds have a rapid metabolism, burning energy quickly, so they frequently stop to feed as they travel. Any time they come to a good patch of flowers or feeders, they pause and spend some time tanking up. During peak migration periods, food sources may be swarming with hummers zooming around and sparring in midair as they compete for nectar. At such concentration points, they arrive and leave singly, not in flocks. Each individual's journey is a series of relatively short flights punctuated by refueling stops.

While most songbirds and some other kinds of birds migrate mainly at night, hummingbirds travel mostly in the daytime, flying fairly low—taking advantage of the warm sunlight and watching carefully for flowers or feeders along the way."

I also saw a single Monarch caterpillar on common milkweed last week and have been watching him grow. I don't know if he was hatched from a female going north quite late or going south early. I had a few last July also, but larger numbers born in September. I also discovered a bird nest with five blue eggs in it in the cover of our propane tank meter. I haven't seen the parents so will be watching for baby birds in the next week or so.

Even though it is quite hot outside, be sure to take the time to investigate what is happening in your own yards!



TREES OF CHRISTMAS Tree Decoration Needs

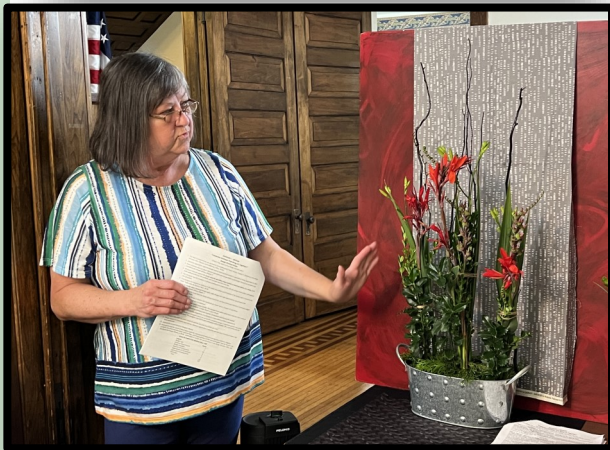
- Red, lime green, gold or candy cane striped ornament balls of all sizes
- Any tree decorations that are red and white shaped like a candy cane
- Any tree decorations shaped like a lollipop
- Ginger bread people decorations for a tree
- Clean pieces of card board



August 3—Rhonda Smith
September 30—Freda Ellis
September 30—Rita Ellis



Two Creeks Garden Club Recent Activities



July photos:

- Alvaton Elementary Marquee Golden Garden (top left)
- Native Plant Garden Work Day (top center)
- 60 Gallons of Water for BSM Garden (above center)
- Roses at BSM garden after deadheading, fertilizing, and applying fungicide (top right)
- Freda Ellis giving program at July meeting (left center)
- Rhonda Smith explaining parallel design at July meeting (left)
- Jo Jean Scott, Susan Throneberry, Mary Ann Hext attended 90th Anniversary Tea of Glasgow Garden Club (above)

Photos: TCGC Members