



# Two Creeks Garden Club Ripples

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## *The Difference Between Native, Non-native, and Invasive Plants*

As gardeners, we hear a lot about the importance of having native plants in our gardens and removing non-native and invasive plants. We have learned that native plants help to create a healthier environment and support animals as well as host many types of insects.

**Native:** Native plant species are species that have existed historically in that area. An article on the Audubon Society website says these are plants that have existed in a location prior to European colonization in North America. Native plants are those that are adaptable to the climate and soil conditions in that area.

**Non-native:** Non-native plants are species that have not existed historically in one area but have been introduced due to human activities. Non-native plants don't necessarily pose a threat to native plants, but may not support ecosystem health as well as native plants do. The article explains that a plant can be native in portions of our country and non-native elsewhere.

**Invasive:** Invasive plant species are non-native to particular ecosystems and the introduction of them is likely to cause "economic or environmental harm or harm to human health," according to the National Invasive Species Information Center. Invasive plants are those that were either intentionally or accidentally translocated to an area where they did not exist naturally, and where they cause harm to native plants and the local ecosystem. These plants disrupt the growth of native plants, and root and spread quickly.

Another article in the online *Smithsonian Magazine* states that according to the Department of Agriculture, the distinction between native and nonnative species does not disappear over time; if a plant or animal was introduced with human help, it is nonnative. It explains that there is a crucial distinction between nonnative species and invasive ones: To be considered invasive, a nonnative animal or plant species has to displace one or more natives. Chicory, introduced from Europe as a flavoring agent in the 19th century, grows wild in the United States but does not displace native plants; but kudzu, introduced from Asia for erosion control in the mid-20th-century South, does, and is considered therefore invasive.

If you are interested in learning more about Kentucky's Invasive/Nuisance Species and replacing any that you might have in your yard, take a look at these websites:

**Kentucky Nuisance Species Plans:** <https://fw.ky.gov/More/Pages/Nuisance-Species-Plans.aspx>

**Kentucky's Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants:** [https://www.se-eppc.org/ky/ky\\_native\\_alternatives.pdf](https://www.se-eppc.org/ky/ky_native_alternatives.pdf). This brochure contains lists of shrubs, groundcovers, vines, herbaceous plants, and grasses that are invasive and provides recommended native alternatives that we might use.

Sources: [www.smithsonianmag.com](http://www.smithsonianmag.com) and [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org)

## Next Meeting

June 15, 2023

BK Library

2-4:30 p.m.

Hostess:

Susan Throneberry



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## President's Corner—Carolynn Burton

Memorial Day has passed and now we can settle into the wonderful days of summer. I treasure these longest days of the year and check my flowers each morning and evening to see what has changed in the garden. I hope you are also enjoying this time of the year and all your beautiful blooms.

Our May meeting was very productive. Committee chairs are now filled and we will continue on with our club activities. Thank you for being gracious and signing up for the committees. Each chair will call on members to gather for work days and other events in the future. Jo Jean has requested that each of us commit to performing an individual activity for National Garden Week, June 4-10, 2023. Please send to me or Mary Ann Hext a picture and a description of your activity. Your activity can be a flower, an arrangement or something special you do for someone or a group for this special week.

Please read *The Bulletin* that came to you in the mail. It is packed with information. The front cover has a picture of our very own Susan Throneberry and Mary Ann Hext as they each begin their terms as officers for The Garden Club of Kentucky. Congratulations to them. The Garden Club of Kentucky theme is "Go Green....Plant Kentucky! Plant Kindness and Beauty, Harvest a Garden of Friends."

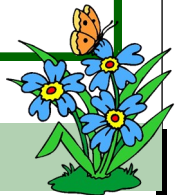
There are many garden events throughout our council and state in June. Please read your entire Two Creeks Ripples for all the events and dates coming up.

See you June 15<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting.

Respectfully, Carolynn

### TCGC 2023 IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ June 4-10: National Garden Week
- ◆ June 15: TCGC meeting at BK Library
- ◆ September 20: Cardinal Council Flower Show at Houchens Center, Setup September 19
- ◆ October 17: Cardinal Council Fall Meeting hosted by WEGC
- ◆ October 18: Dogwood District Meeting



### Upcoming Gardening Events

- ◆ **June 4 - Bowling Green Garden Club Fairy Garden Tour:** Sites in Bowling Green with tea and children's activities at Lost River Cave Birch Room, tickets available from Jo Jean Scott and Mary Ann Hext
- ◆ **June 8 - Glasgow Garden Club Celebrating 90 Years:** 3-6 p.m. Lera B. Mitchell Clubhouse, Glasgow
- ◆ **June 10 - Franklin-Simpson Garden Club Garden Tour:** 1-5 p.m.
- ◆ **June 11 - Warren East Garden Club 30th Anniversary Celebration Tea:** 2-4 p.m. Oakland Baptist Church
- ◆ **September 27-28: NGC Environmental School Course 1:** BK Library, registration brochure on CC website at [www.cardinalcouncilgc.org](http://www.cardinalcouncilgc.org)





## Botherum Tour—Tickets on Sale at [Evenbrite](#)—\$40!

### TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!!!

Join the Garden Club of Kentucky  
**June 17 & 18, 2023**  
 for our fundraiser at Botherum, the  
 home of Jon Carloftis in Lexington.



### Congratulations TCGC Members!

Two Creeks Garden Club received first place at the NGC Convention for our "Special Gardening with Youth Project"! Our members prepared a new garden and developed a landscape plan at Hospice House then taught "Kindness at the Creek" club members from Drakes Creek Middle School and Girl Scout Troop 51 how to plant spring bulbs. Over 2,500 hyacinth, allium, crocus, and daffodil bulbs were planted resulting in a most beautiful and fragrant spring garden.

The Cardinal Council also received the Flower Show Achievement Award for our NGC Patriotic Standard Flower Show held last June!

Share a Magical Afternoon With Your Child!  
 Attend the Bowling Green Garden Club's

## Fairy Garden Tour

Sunday, June 4, 2023  
 Tours 1 pm - 4 pm

1. Faye & Mark Patton - 933 Smith Court
2. Ann & Jack Scott - 841 Albemarle Street
3. Paula & Joseph Sadler - 804 Highland Way
4. Kimmel & Lloyd Ferguson - 1101 South Park Drive
5. Ruth Rabold Garden - 942 Parkway Street
6. The Potted Patio at the Boxwood - 1254 State Street
7. Brandon Miller & Chad Smith - 1267 State Street
8. Eloise B. Houchens Center - 1115 Adams Street

Refreshments in the  
 Birch Room at Lost River Cave  
 3 pm - 5 pm

Tickets available from any Garden Club member,  
 Riley's Bakery and the Wild Bird and Nature Store  
 Adults: \$10.00 Children: \$5.00  
 Benefiting Lost River Cave

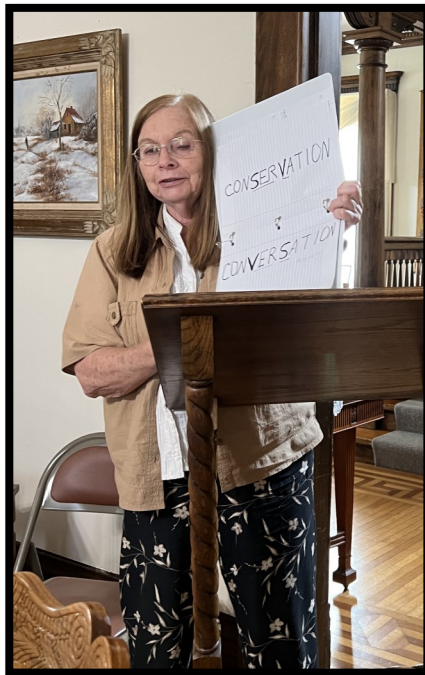




# Two Creeks Garden Club Recent Activities



During the past two weeks, over a dozen perennials, four new rose bushes, and other plants were added to the landscaping at the Blue Star Memorial Marker at Phil Moore Park. A heavy layer of mulch freshened up the garden and the plants have been watered three times over the last week. This very visible roadside garden is receiving many appreciative comments—even our County Judge Executive has praised it!



During our May meeting held at the historic Houchen's Center, Rita Ellis presented a very informative program titled "Conservation and Conversation". We learned about ways we can conserve and protect the environment.



The Monarch Waystation at Alvaton Elementary had a early summer cleanup. Weeds and grass were pulled and milkweed and other native plants were added to create a pollinator haven at this outdoor classroom for the students and our Alvaton neighbors. If you travel by these gardens, take a few minutes and stop to pull a wayward weed or two!