



# Two Creeks Garden Club Ripples

A Publication of Two Creeks Garden Club

## Next Meeting

May 25, 2023  
Houchens Center  
2-5 p.m.

Hostess:  
Rita Ellis

Program:  
"Conservation"  
by Rita Ellis  
Door opens  
at 1:30 pm



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## Flowers to Attract Hummingbirds *summarized from Southern Living*

By now most of us have hummingbirds visiting our feeders. They are fun to watch and they are the only birds capable of sustained hovering and can even fly backward and upside down. The ruby-throated hummingbird is the only species that nests east of the Mississippi but about 17 species live in the U.S. many near the Mexican border.

Here are some flowering plants to add to your garden that will attract hummingbirds if you don't already have these.

1. **Salvia** *Salvia officinalis*: This deer-resistant family of flowers is considered one of the best for attracting birds and butterflies. Plant 'Black and Blue' salvia in the middle of the garden or at the back of a border in full sun, where it will grow to 3 or 4 feet tall. Or plant the shorter red salvia in the flower bed or in a pot.
2. **Trumpet vine** *Campsis radicans*: Sometimes called trumpet creeper, it is a fast-growing perennial vine and a North American native species originating in the southeastern US. It is a hardy perennial and covers sections of fences to hide eyesores. It is woody and bears dark green leaves with trumpet-shaped flowers that are a vibrant coral to orange in color and bloom in clusters. Hummingbirds love it and if you need a start to cover a fence or trellis, let me know.
3. **Cardinal Flower** *Lobelia cardinalis*: This self-sowing, native perennial thrives in moist soil and prefers full or partial sun. It offers an excellent source of nectar for hummingbirds from late spring through fall—in fact, the plant is dependent on them for pollination. Mine gets about three feet tall. For two years, mine died, but last year I found its happy spot and it survived the winter and is thriving.
4. **Lantana** *Lantana camara*: This can be planted in the ground or in a hanging basket and comes in many colors and sizes and used in combination plantings. It is a sun-loving plant and hummingbirds are able to track it down wherever you plant it.
5. **Petunia** *Petunia*: Hummers migrate at treetop height, where they can easily spot any vibrant blooms below. Grab their attention with a large grouping of pots filled with this vivid, inexpensive annual. Plant them in full sun and deadhead regularly, and your petunias will bloom from late spring until fall.
6. **Bee Balm** *Monarda*: Look closely at the flowers of bee balm, and you will notice each petal is a tiny tube perfect for a feeding hummingbird. Plant in a moist, sunny or partly sunny spot, and you're sure to have a healthy flower patch blooming every summer. Most *Monarda* plants are hardy in USDA Zones 4 to 9. Scarlet bee balm is a favorite.





## President's Corner—Carolynn Burton

I am honored to begin my term as your president for the next two years. However, it is the support and work of each of you that make the Two Creeks Garden Club a success. This is a powerful group of dedicated gardeners that are eager to continue to grow beautiful gardens, learn about the environment and serve the community.

As I considered the theme for our garden club for the next two years, I thought about the love for gardening that we all have in common. I know when I dig in the dirt, look at a new flower that has bloomed and wait for seeds to sprout, I always have a sense of wonder and accomplishment. I also considered how gardening can be passed along for future generations to love. So, the theme for our club for the next two years is "Garden in the present and grow the love of gardening for the future." Our club already works with youth in our community to grow the love of gardening for current and future generations. The club impacts the community through the beautiful community gardens in Alvaton. We don't always know how our community gardens may lift the spirits or make someone smile when they see them. Let's continue our endeavors and impact the present and the future of gardening.

I wish each of you a Happy Mother's Day and happiness every day in your garden.

Respectfully, Carolynn



**May 11: Stephany Carter**

### TCGC 2023 IMPORTANT DATES

- ♦ May 2-5: NGC Convention, Greenbriar Resort, Sulfur Springs, WV—attended by Jo Jean Scott, Susan Throneberry, and Mary Ann Hext
- ♦ May 20: Bowling Green Rose Society Rose Show at American Legion
- ♦ 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

### Five Secrets to Achieving Happiness in Your Garden

1. **Grow the plants you love**
2. **Size the garden for the resources you have**
3. **Buy good tools**
4. **Respect Mother Nature**
5. **Share your garden with others**

## Upcoming Gardening Events

- ♦ **May 20—BGRS Rose Show:** American Legion Hall, Dishman Lane, Open to Public 1-4 p.m.
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **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](https://www.eventbrite.com)—\$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.



Source: *Southern Living*

### Congratulations to TCGC!

Two Creeks Garden Club received first place at the NGC Convention for our "Gardening with Youth Special Project"! This was our bulb planting activity involving our members, Kindness at the Creek members, and the Girl Scouts!

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

Thanks to our members who made these project and awards possible!!



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 - 953 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 Photos



2023-25 TCGC Officer Installation at April Meeting



Monarchs are here!  
Look for baby caterpillars!  
These are in Susan's butterfly garden.

*Glasgow Garden Club*  
*Celebrating 90 Years*  
*June 8, 2023*



**3-6 p.m. Lera B. Mitchell Clubhouse**

**Organized 1933  
Federated 1937**

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2022 GCKY & SAR Awards Display

Photos: TCGC Members