

# TGC District X Bulletin

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The Newsletter for the  
Texas Garden Clubs of District X  
Members of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
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This edition is full of information about District X Clubs, Awards and Upcoming Events.

If you have photos of your club's activities, articles, comics, please send to me at

ljflove@aol.com for the next edition.



# The Director's Message



Hello Garden Club Members, My name is Sharon Russell and you have elected me Director of District X. I look forward to meeting with you and assisting your club with whatever it needs to prosper.

I bring 29 years of teaching in PISD and a passion for gardening to the Board. I taught Middle School and Senior High, Home Economics, Culinary Arts, health and science. While teaching at Wilson Middle School, I gardened with my students. Our work included a butterfly garden, a courtyard flower garden and a 3/4 acre vegetable garden. In addition to maintaining these gardens, I sponsored a Junior Naturalist Program. The students helped create a native plant garden at the Farmstead Museum.

After Retiring in 2015, I became a Master Gardener, Joined Plano Garden club and volunteered at the Plano Community Garden. I continue to volunteer for Collin County Master Gardeners, and the Plano Community Garden. I also chair the Plano Garden Club Beautification Project at Sam Johnson Senior Center. The best part of all this work is spending time with my gardening friends. I look forward to adding many of you to my inner circle.

My Theme for the next two years is: "In words and deeds, plant, nurture and celebrate your clubs's success." One of the best ways to do this is to participate in the District X Awards process. Please reach out and let me help! I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sharon

The Spring District X Convention was held March 22, 2023 at the Mesquite Arts Center in Mesquite, TX. The theme of the convention was "Come Grow with Us".



District X Director, Janet Nevil and Convention Chair, Diana Loring conducted the General Assembly.

Members of the District X Board of Directors are: from left to right, 1<sup>st</sup> row, District Director- Janet Nevil, Linda Love, and Janet Gustafson. 2<sup>nd</sup> row Stan Aten, Karen Murrell, Jeanette Hobbs, Rachael Clark, Mary Whitehearst, Marilyn Fitzner, Diana Loring, Dana Serafine, Sharon Russell, and Sarah Andry.



Sarah McReynolds, installed the officers. Pictured are Sharon Russell, incoming Dist X Director, and Outgoing Director Janet Nevil.

The speaker at the Convention was Sue C. Smith ,from Ikebana, who demonstrated several beautiful designs



Garden Club Members at the 2023 Spring convention enjoyed visiting and shopping for raffle, silent auction and handmade items during intermission.



Mesquite H.S. ROTC Presented the Colors



<b><u>Dist X Awards Spring 2023</u></b>		<b>Award</b>	<b>Place</b>
Brookhaven GC	Bronze, Med	MAE-2-B-1 Social Media/Website	1st Place
Brookhaven GC		TGC - Community Service Award	Citation
Brookhaven GC		TGC - Arbor Day	1st Place
Brookhaven GC		TGC - Community Concern	1st Place
Brookhaven GC		TGC - Yearbook	1st Place
Brookhaven GC		MAE - 5 National Garden Week	1st Place
Brookhaven GC		President's Report	1st Place
Dallas Council of Garden Clubs		TGC- Yearbook	1st Place
DFSJFG		MAE-2-B-2 Social Medial/Website	1st Place
DFSJFG		TGC - Yearbook	1st Place
Designers and Diggers GC	Bronze Lg	TGC - Community Service	Citation
Designers and Diggers GC		SCR-#4 Outstanding Yearbook Theme	1st Place
Designers and Diggers GC		SCR-#16 Yearbook	1st Place
Designers and Diggers GC		President's Report	1st Place
District X		MAE-4-C-2 Publication Newsletter 13-24	1st Place
Frisco GC	Bronze Lg	MAE-2-A-1 Social Media/Website	1st Place
Frisco GC		MAE-4-B-1 Publication Newsletter 1-12	1st Place
Frisco GC		TGC - Club History Award	3rd Place
Frisco GC		TGC - Nov/Dec Award (TGC Arbor Day)	1st Place
Frisco GC		TGD - Yearbook (Bronze) Large	1st Place
Frisco GC		SCR#16 Yearbook	1st Place
Frisco GC		President's Report	2nd Place
Ikebana Int. Dallas Chapter 13		President's Report	1st Place
Master Gardeners, Inc.		TGC - Yearbook	1st Place
Mesquite GC	Gold Med	EC-6 Organic Practices	1st Place
Mesquite GC		FD-2 Design Program	1st Place
Mesquite GC		MAE-1 Membership Awareness	1st Place
Mesquite GC		MAE-2-B-1 Social Media/Website	1st Place
Mesquite GC		MAE -3 Digital Medial Club Program	1st Place
Mesquite GC		MAE -4-F-1 Publication Brouchure	1st Place
Mesquite GC		MAE-4-G-1 Publication, Other	1st Place
Mesquite GC		MAE-5 National Garden Week	1st Place
Mesquite GC		TGC - Club History	1st Place
Mesquite GC		TGC -Jean Mills Membership	
Mesquite GC		TGC - Community Service Award	Citation
Mesquite GC		TGC- Club Program	1st Place
Mesquite GC		TGC - Butterfly Preservation Ed Award	1st Place

## Dist X Awards Spring 2023 Continued

Mesquite GC	TGC - Backyard Wildlife Habitat	1st Place
Mesquite GC	TGC - Yearbook (Gold) Medium	1st Place
Mesquite GC	SCR#14 Outstanding Yearbook Theme	1st Place
Mesquite GC	SCR#16 Yearbook	1st Place
Mesquite GC	SCR#22 Woodsy Owl, 3rd Grade, Mirella	1st Place
Mesquite GC	President's Report	1st Place
Oak Cliff Garden Forum	TGC - Yearbook	1st Place
Oak Cliff Garden Forum	President's Report	1st Place
Ovilla GC Bronze Med	TGC - Yearbook	1st Place
Ovilla GC	President's Report	2nd Place
Rainbow GC Green Med	MAE-2-A-1 Social Media/Website	1st Place
Rainbow GC	MAE-2-B-1 Social Media/Website	1st Place
Rainbow GC	MAE-4-C-2 Publication Newsletter 13-24	2nd Place
Rainbow GC	TGC- Club Program	1st Place
Rainbow GC	SCR#7 Civic Development	1st Place
Rainbow GC	President's Report	1st Place
Plano GC Gold X Lg	CE-2 Permanent Community Improvement	1st Place
Plano GC	CE-5 Beautification Projecat	1st Place
Plano GC	FD-2 Design Program	Disqualified
Plano GC	MAE-2-C-1 Social Media/Website	1st Place
Plano GC	President's Report	1st Place
Sunnyvale GC Gold Lg	CE-5 Beautification Project	1st Place
Sunnyvale GC	CE-8 Landscaping of Public/Rel Grounds	1st Place
Sunnyvale GC	TGC - Community Service Award	Citation
Sunnyvale GC	TGC - Club Program	1st Place
Sunnyvale GC	TGC - Yearbook	1st Place
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#16 Yearbook	1st Place
Sunnyvale GC	President's Report	1st Place
Sunnyvale GC	SXR#22 Woodsy Owl 3rd Grade, Maddox	2nd Place
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#22 Woodsy Owl, 4th Gradem Amelia	1st Place
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#22 Woodsy Owl, 5th Grade, Hadish	1st Place
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#22 Woodsy Owl, 5th Grade, Annie	3rd Place
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#22 Smokey Bear, 1st Gradem Andrew	1st Place
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#22 Smokey Bear, 1st Grade, Lee Marie	2nd Place
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#22 Smokey Bear, 1st Grade, Dylan	3rd Place
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#22 Smokey Bear, 1st Grade, Sawyer	HM
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#22 Smokey Bear, 2nd Grade, Zoey	1st Place
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#22 Smokey Bear, 2nd Grade, Hattie Jo	2nd Place
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#22 Smokey Bear, 2nd Grade, Lucy	3rd Place
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#22 Smokey Bear, 2nd Grade, Adrian	HM
Sunnyvale GC	SCR#22 Smokey Bear, 4th Grade, Bestina	2nd Place

## **Dist X Awards Spring 2023 Continued**

Super Seeders GC Bronze Small	TGC - Community Concern	1st Place
Super Seeders GC	TGC - Yearbook	1st Place
Super Seeders GC	President's Report( rec'd Late)	HM
Terrell GC Bronze Small	President's Report	1st Place
Texas Daffodil Society	MAE -4-B-4 Publication Newsletter	2nd Place
Texas Daffodil Society	TGC - Yearbook	1st Place

## **TGC, Inc. Awards for District X**

TGC Club History Award- Mesquite GC 1<sup>st</sup> Place-  
TGC Club Program Award – Sunnyvale GC 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
TGC Club Program Award - Mesquite GC 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
TGC Club Program Award - Rainbow GC 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
TGC Community Service Award- Sunnyvale GC 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
TGC Community Service Award - Mesquite GC 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
TGC Community Concern Award – Brookhaven GC 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
TGC November/December Award- Plano GC HM  
TGC Scrapbook Award – Mesquite GC 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
TGC Yearbook Award – Bronze Clubs -Brookhaven GC 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
TGC Yearbook Award – Bronze Clubs - Frisco GC 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
TGC Yearbook Award - Gold Clubs – Sunnyvale GC 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
TGC Yearbook Award - Gold Clubs - Mesquite GC HM  
TGC Yearbook Award - Affiliates - Oak Cliff Garden Forum 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
TGC Yearbook Award - Affiliates - DCGC 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
TGC Club Service Award – Brookhaven GC Bronze Med – Citation  
TGC Club Service Award - Designers and Diggers GC Bronze Lg Citation

## **South Central Region Awards for District X**

CE-5 Civic Development—Rainbow GC Medium Club 1st Place  
FD-2 Floral Design Program—Mesquite GC Medium Club 1st Place  
MAE-4F-1 Brochure Single Club – Mesquite GC Medium Club 1st Place  
SCR-4 Yearbook – Brookhaven GC Medium Club 1st Place

## **District X Club Awards sent to National Garden Club, Inc.**

EC-2 Permanent Community Improvements – Plano GC  
CE-5 Beautification Project – Plano GC  
CE-8 Landscaping of Religious/Public Grounds – Sunnyvale GC  
EC-6 Organic Practices – Mesquite GC  
FD-2 Floral Design Program – Mesquite GC  
G-3 Therapy Gardens- Sunnyvale GC  
MAE-2A-1 Social Media/Website – Rainbow GC  
MAE-2B-1 Social Media – Rainbow GC  
MAE-2B-2 Social Media - Dallas Flower Show Judges FG  
MAE-3 Digital Media Program – Mesquite GC  
MAE-4C-1 Publications – Plano GC  
MAE-4C-1 Publications – District X  
MAE-5 Other – Mesquite GC

These Applications sent to NGC did not Receive a 1st Place Award.

# TGC, Inc. 95th Spring Convention



TGC, Inc. 2022 Co-Garden Club  
Member of the Year from District X –  
Brookhaven GC. Carol Coughran,  
TGC, Inc. 2022



District X Members Who attended Aloha dinner at the 2023 TGC, Inc. Spring Convention in San Antonio Apr. 10-14, 2023.



Incoming TGC President Lee Taylor with Carol Coughran and Linda Love



Dist X Director Janet Nevil Receiving District X Club awards from State President Gwen DeWitt



Janet Nevil Receiving TGC, Inc. Life Membership From Lee Taylor, Incoming TGC President.



Rainbow GC President Stan Aton Receiving award for Club Program 1st Place



District X Party Celebrating New District X Director Sharon Russell



Dist X Newsletter VP Marilyn Fitzner and Janet Nevil Receiving 1st Place for District X Newsletter



Dana Serafine, Plano GC Receiving a 1st place for TGC Nov/Dec Award



Carol Coughran and Linda Love from Brookhaven GC Receiving 1st Place for Bronze Club Yearbook

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TGC, Inc President Congratulated Carol Coughran for becoming 4 Star Garden Club Member. Which means she has completed all 4 NGC Schools. They are: Flower Show School, Landscape Design School, Environmental School, and Garden Study School.



TGC, Inc. Officers installed at Convention: L-R: Barbara Bateman, Treasurer; Miriam Garcia, Recording Secretary; Mary Alice Debow, V.P. Youth; Peggy Moreland, V.P. Scholarship; Sherie Clarkson, V.P. Membership; Carol Coughran, V.P. LSG; Nancy Giffhorn, V.P. Organization Studies; Linda Love, V. P. Awards; Linda Jean Brown, V.P. Finance; Lee Taylor, TGC, Inc. President



Hondo, Hummingbird, worked as assistant to Sarah Reynolds.



Beautiful Hawaiian Table decorations



Lee Taylor and Linda Love learned how to Manipulate Leaves in Workshop

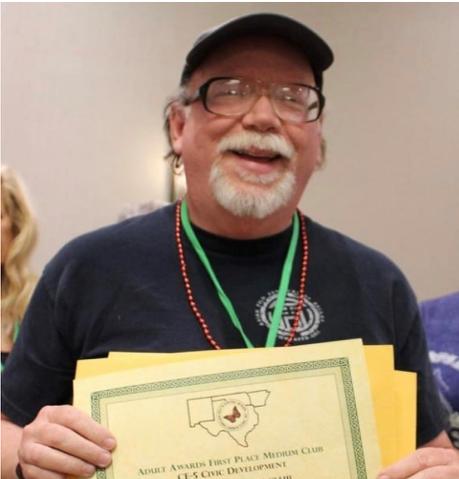


Workshop fun making cup rests.

*SCR of Garden Clubs Spring Convention in OK City April 19-22*



Twenty-Five Texas Garden Club members attended the South Central Region Spring Convention to Support the installation of incoming SCR President from Texas, Sarah McReynolds.



Stan Aten Accepts 1st Place Award for



Janet Nevil accepts award for Mesquite GC  
1st place FD -2 Floral Design Program



Sarah McReynolds gave a program on Native American Woman's Dress.



Marilyn Fitzner accepted 1st place award for the District X Bulletin with Janet Nevil



District X members attending SCR Spring Convention B R: Marilyn Fitzner, Janet Nevil, Dana Serafine, Karen Murrell, Stan Aten, Carol Coughran with F R: Lee Taylor, Sarah McReynolds and Gwen DeWitt.

International Ikebana Dallas chapter 13 and Fort Worth chapter 38 jointly celebrated their anniversaries on 29th of April, 2023.

The Special guest was the ambassador from Japan Sam Shichijo and his wife Rai. The popular O'Hara first master Rekha Reddy from Hyderabad India was the presenter. The Celebration was a one-day event at the Hyatt place, Galleria, in Dallas.

The morning session was a demonstration which was well attended and liked by all, followed by sumptuous Buffet lunch. About 10 lovely arrangements, were created by Sensei and used as Table and floor Decorations at the event

Buffet lunch followed the demo . Chantilly cake was cut by both chapter presidents and enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session was workshop, the theme of which was realistic landscape. Many lovely arrangements were created by the participants.



Sudha Ramakrishna, Pres. II Dallas Chapter, Rekha Reddy First Master, Ambassador Sam Shichijo and his Wife Rai, Sandra Prachyl, Pres. II Fort Worth Chapter

First Master Rekha Reddy

Brookhaven GC Prepared The Garden Plot at Liberty Plaza in Farmers Branch for the Memorial Day Holiday



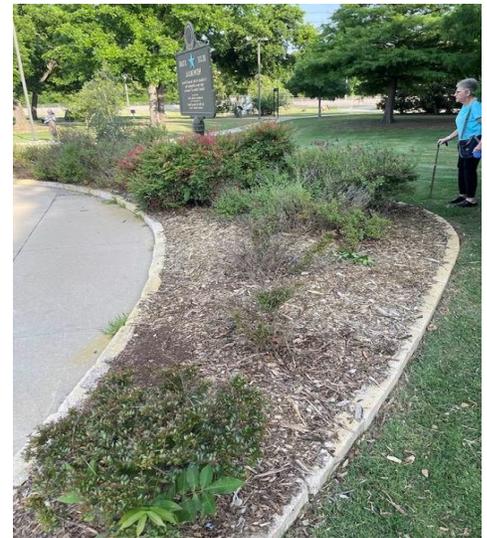
Before work on Memorial Garden Plot.



Sarah Sanders, Carol Adams and Mits Odem worked to remove dead growth and weeds from the Memorial Garden Plot.



Steve Love, Carol Adams and Sarah Sanders cleaned up the left over branches and mulch before leaving the area.



Plans for filling in With plants that did not make it through the winter will be our project for the summer.



Sarah Sanders Carol Adams and Steve Love



Sarah Sanders, Steve Love, and Linda Love



Sunnyvale Garden club recently updated and refurbished the flower beds at the Doris Padgett Public Library in Sunnyvale. Members planted new shrubs and flowers, and the club donated a new bird bath near the front entrance to the library.



On May 3, 2023, Sunnyvale garden club joined with the Doris Padgett Library to provide an Earth Day Program for Preschoolers attending Story Time at the Library. Stories, Songs and coloring sheets taught the idea and reinforced the importance of Earth Day. The event ended with members of the Sunnyvale GC helping the attendees plant their own begonia to take home. The children were told how to water and fertilize when needed for the plants just as people need water and food to grow.

### Sunnyvale Garden Club took a field trip to Texas Blackland Gardening in Richardson TX in June of 2023.

Members of Sunnyvale Garden club enjoyed a field trip to Texas Blackland Gardening in Richardson, Texas ( [www.texasblacklandgardening.com](http://www.texasblacklandgardening.com) ) for their June Summer Symposium. The Home Owner is a Texas Master Gardener and North Texas Master Naturalist, who has transformed her yard into a haven for native plants. These require much less water and also attract butterflies and beneficial insects.



## Rainbow Garden Club North Texas - Spring 2023

Spring is always a busy time for the Rainbow Garden Club North Texas (RGC) . As the weather gets nicer, we participate in local festivals, events, and travel to nearby public gardens.

On Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>, we held our monthly meeting at John Miller's home which features a collection of hundreds of varieties of iris. (See attached photos) On Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>, RGC had two booths at the annual Oak Cliff Earth Day festival. We sold plants, seeds and met local gardeners who were interested in joining our club. (See attached photo of our booth)

On Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>, members of RGC traveled to the Rose Display Gardens in Farmers Branch, a northern suburb of Dallas. We toured the gardens filled with roses and pollinators. (see attached photo of group and a photo of flowers).

On Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, RGC members were at the World Birding Day at the Trinity River Audubon Center to get the word out about our club. We also met several related groups who could be speakers for our club over the next year.

Stan Aten, President, Rainbow Garden Club North Texas





Above:

Carol Coughran installed Brookhaven GC Officers for the 2023-2024 garden year at the final meeting of the year on May 18.

L to R: New President Steven Love, 1st VP: Sally Mallory, 2nd VP: Carol Adams, 3rd VP: Pam Smith, Treasurer: Janet Gustafson, Recording Secretary, Joyce Cochran; and Installing officer Carol Coughran.



Left: Joyce Griese' was congratulated for her many years as a member of Brookhaven Garden Club by incoming President Steve Love. She is retiring from the club.

*Have a Wonderful Summer !*

*If your club is planning events for fall, please send that information to [LJFloves@aol.com](mailto:LJFloves@aol.com) by August 15, for the Fall edition of the District X Bulletin.*

## Designers and Diggers Garden Club held a Flower Show

At "A Quilter's Garden Folly", a NGC Small Standard Flower Show, held April 1, 2023, at the Point at CC Young. CC Young residents and friends enjoyed remembering flowers they grew, designs they made, photographs they took, and quilts they sewed. Quilt names were used as titles for all classes and borrowed quilts decorated the show. Horticulture Award Winners were displayed on a round table with a garden patch quilt runner. Gina Wood's, Grower's Choice Award winning orchid, was in full bloom. Cindy Crouse won the Designers Choice Award, for her "Texas Star" Angular Design. The D&D Best in Show Club award, was won for Pam Dowling's, "Wedding Ring" traditional design on a travel box staged on a luggage rack. Rita Conway's grandmother's wedding dress and a wedding ring quilt carried out the Wedding Ring class's theme. Catherine Dean's, "Garden Harvest", Educational Exhibit won the Education Award. A photo of a lizard, captured the Botanical Arts Photography Award. The photograph was taken by Gina Woods on her front porch.



# IRS 990-N (e-postcard)

## Help for filing your 990-N (e-postcard) report with the IRS.gov

The IRS requires that each club file a form 990-N (e-postcard) each year after the end of the garden club year, May 31 of each year. If you are the person (Treasurer) who filed last year (RETURNING FILER), use your same ID and PW. If you are the new Treasurer (NEW USER), please follow the directions on the Printout attached from the IRS.gov website to set up your own ID and PW. You must file on line, do not use your smart phone or tablet.

GO TO: [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov) CLICK on it

CLICK on top line **Charities&Non-Profits**

Click on **Annual Filing and Forms** (the middle box) Series 990 forms.

Look down the listing of bullet points, find the 5<sup>th</sup> bullet point (Annual electronic notice (e-postcard) for small exempt organizations.

CLICK on it. Read the information. **Print this out to keep for information.** Then go down to where it says

**Submitting Form 990-N (e-postcard)** to access the form 990-N electronic Filing System.

If you already HAVE an IRS user name, CLICK on #1. And use your saved ID and PW and complete your filing.

If you are NEW and do not have an account with the IRS, CLICK on #2 to create your account. Be sure to save all the ID and Passwords and any information about your club that is input. The EIN number (a 10 digit number) is the Club's IRS identification number and should be on record in your treasurer's books.

**Use the above print out from the IRS.gov website. Follow this to complete your filing.**

**For More information go to the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-postcard) User Guide. And Print out the PDF.**

Final Date for filing is October 15.

Call me with any filing problems.

Linda Love, District X 990-N (e-postcard) Chairman

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## Upcoming NGC Schools

*Garden Study School: August 22-24, 2023, San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels, San Antonio, TX.*

*Landscape Design School: September 25-26, 2023, George Bush Library, College Station, TX.*

*Flower Show School 1 : September 25-28, 2023, Bayland Community Center, Regina Williams, Chair/Registrar*

*361-550-1485 regina46@yahoo.com*

*Watch for the Upcoming District X Fall Assembly at Headquarters Oct 17&18, and TGC, Inc. Fall Convention Registration Forms in the 2023 September Bulletin*



*2022 District X Garden Clubs of the Year*

*Mesquite GC - Gold Garden Club of the Year*

*Brookhaven GC - Bronze Garden Club of the Year*



*Rainbow GC - Green Garden Club of the Year*



# NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

June 4-10, 2023

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