

South Central Region's Annual Convention 2024

"Spring Fling"

Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs Pulaski District is honored to host the upcoming SCR Convention on April 24-25, 2024. The event will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton conveniently located at 925 S University Avenue in the midtown area of Little Rock. Shuttle service from the airport to the hotel is provided. Prior to this event is the annual AFGC Convention on April 22-23. We welcome you to attend it as well.



AFGC CONVENTION

Monday, April 22, 2024, we will begin our journey by traveling to the islands. "On Island Time" is the theme. Hostesses will greet you with a warm smile and a lei. Attendees will enjoy a delicious buffet featuring Caribbean foods. Janice Hamlin, retired NGC Design Instructor, will be the guest speaker. Immediately following her presentation of floral designs, there will be an "On Island Time" fundraiser party benefiting our flower show schools. We encourage attendees to dress to fit the theme and enjoy the adult beverages and activities!



Tuesday, April 23, 2024, will be the AFGC business meeting. An Italian buffet will be served to compliment our theme of "That's Amore!" Heather Runyan, Park Interpreter from Logoly State Park, will be speaking to us about native plants. Following the business meeting, Janice Hamlin will conduct a workshop.



The evening event is “Denim and Pearls.” Members are designing the Western themed centerpieces and competing for a coveted “People’s Choice Award.” A BBQ buffet will be served, and members may participate in activities such as line dancing. It will be fun to see everyone dressed in their denim and pearls!

SCR CONVENTION



Wednesday, April 24, 2024, we will view the gardens and have lunch at the Edgemont House, a historic Spanish Colonial Revival style home lovingly restored by owner, Chris Olsen who will host the event. Chris is an award winning and nationally recognized home and garden guru. Following the executive board meetings, Janice Hamlin will conduct a workshop and our own SCR Director, Sarah McReynolds, will present a session on Pollinator Punch! Doesn’t that sound delicious! That evening we will be transported to the French Quarter to enjoy the

flavors of New Orleans cuisine at our evening event called “The Big Easy.” Janice Hamlin will present part two of her exciting demonstration on floral design.



Thursday, April 25, 2024, will be the SCR Business meeting and we will be traveling “South of the Border” featuring a Mexican buffet for lunch. The luncheon speaker will be Dr. Victor Ford, Associate Vice President - Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service.



Thursday evening will be a reception honoring our director and president before we arrive at the last destination on our journey. With the theme, “Under the Eiffel Tower,” members and guests will dine on Chicken Cordon Bleu.



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The featured speaker is Christopher Norwood, Vice President of Tipton & Hurst Florist. Chris began his career in the industry at the age of fourteen. He is an outstanding designer, and we are fortunate to have him share his talent with us. Many of you have viewed the “Happies” that he started during the covid outbreak. If you haven’t, check them out at the Tipton & Hurst website.

The most important ingredient for a successful convention, no matter how exciting the plan, is **YOU!** Please make plans to attend both conventions and make our “Spring Fling” in Little Rock an outrageous success! We want it to be over the top and only you can make that happen! See you in Little Rock in April 2024!