

Member News

Shady Oaks Garden Club

May 2026

Plant Sale a Huge Success

The sky was blue, the sun was shining, and the customers kept coming. Thanks to our advertising, word-of-mouth promotions, and our proximity to the Farmers Market, we had a great turnout for the plant sale on May 9. We had an amazing variety of home-grown plants to offer. We also had beautiful flower bouquets which sold readily as Mother's Day gifts.

The sale took in over \$1200 in plant sales as well as \$270 in Garden Tour tickets. A big thank-you goes to Michelle Hejny, who spearheaded the effort, as well as the many garden club members who grew plants, helped with set-up, worked the event, and helped with take-down.. A special thank-you goes to Nancy Fischman who allowed us to use her gallery space for the event.



Upcoming Events - details on page 8

Thu May 21 @ 5:30 pm

Pre-tour of gardens for members only

Thu May 21 @ 6 pm

Mayoral proclamation

Fri May 22 @ 4 pm - 6 pm

Plant and baked goods drop-off

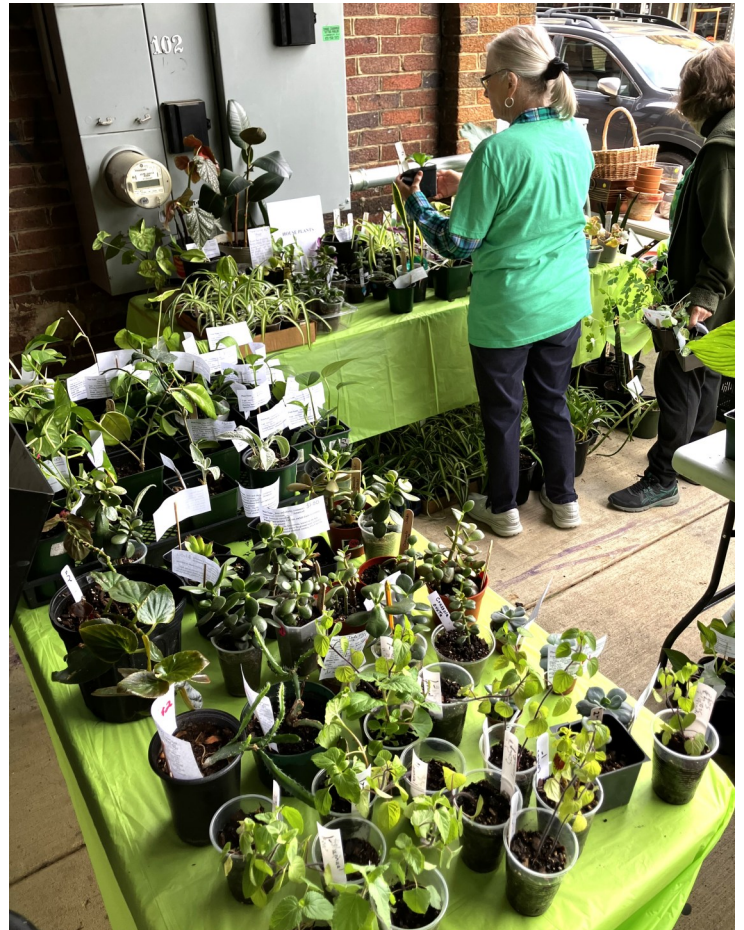
Sat May 23 @ 10 am - 3 pm

Garden Tour

Thu Jun 4 @ 5:30 pm

Next Garden Club meeting

More scenes from the Plant Sale



Our monthly club meeting of May 7 included a variety of interesting topics.



Steele Creek Park Naturalist Lance Jessee gave a presentation on salamanders of our area.

Our design challenge for the month was to create a fragrant display with design emphasis on balance. Below are four designs submitted..





Horticulture specimens on display at the meeting.



Hosts Chris Loveday, Rod Houghton, Dale McCreedy, and Barb Fleenor laid out a sumptuous spread.



We've all been there. Our area has been experiencing near-drought conditions for the past few months. Rains have been sparse and the ground is dry. It gets even harder to keep up with the watering as the weather gets hot and sunny. It's always best to water in the morning so the plants will have moisture during the sunny part of the day when they need it most. Sometimes our busy schedules require us to water in the evening which is OK, although moist conditions at night can be conducive to the dreaded slugs. Yuck! Slow deep irrigation with soaker hoses or drip irrigation systems is ideal. We may be getting some rain in the next few days which is great EXCEPT for our upcoming garden tour. So pray for rain every day except this Saturday!

Work Continues at Johnson City Public Library Garden



Flowers of Hope

Flowers of Hope is a program originally begun by SOGC former president Cindy Hintz. It is a collaboration of the Salvation Army, Kroger stores, and our garden club. Kroger donates flowers which are transported to the Salvation Army administration building where SOGC volunteers create floral designs using donated vases. These arrangements are then distributed to various locations around the city including the Salvation Army dining hall. Special kudos go to SOGC member Rod Houghton for heading up the program.



Demonstration Day at Flowers of Hope

This from April 10: The Salvation Army held a demonstration of FOH and floral design for members of the Salvation Army Board and volunteers. Shady Oaks members were on hand to show how the process works and give hands-on experience to the attendees.



Details of upcoming events:

Thu May 21 @ 5:30 pm: Pre-tour of gardens - Meet at JC Public Library. Enter through front doors and go through building to garden at rear. From here we will carpool to the other gardens in this order: 322 W. Watauga Ave., 407 Peachtree St., 1504 Robin Hood Ln., 1002 King Richard Blvd., 1830 Waters Edge Dr., 2202 Knob Creek Rd.

Thu May 21 @ 6 pm Mayoral proclamation - Municipal and Safety Building, 601 E. Main St. Wear your garden club tee shirt.

Fri May 22 @ 4 pm - 6 pm Plant and baked goods drop-off, 112 Belmeade Dr.

Sat May 23 @ 10 am - 3 pm Garden Tour - Begins at 112 Belmeade Dr.

Thu Jun 4 @ 5:30 pm - Next Garden Club meeting - Wesley United Methodist Church, 225 Princeton Rd.



Parting shots of irises from Janet's garden

