

Member News

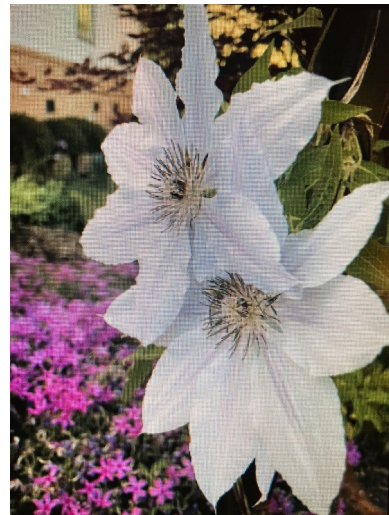
Shady Oaks Garden Club

June 2026

Months of Work Comes to Fruition for SOGC Garden Tour 2026

The beautiful spring weather helped make for a great turnout for our biennial SOGC Garden Tour entitled "Petals and Pathways" which took place on Saturday May 23. Attendees were treated to a tour of six private gardens and two public gardens as well as a plant sale, bake sale, book sale, live music, and refreshments. Proceeds from the event totaled \$4057 which, after expenses, resulted in a net profit of \$3515.

We have many people to thank for the success of the event. Preparations for the Garden Tour began months ago with the establishment of a special Garden Tour Committee headed up by club members Susan Chase and Donna Wyche. They did a great job recruiting gardens for the tour, supervising ticket sales, creating the tour brochure, and handling the logistics of the tour itself. *(Continued on page 6)*



Upcoming Events - *details on p. 6*

Every Friday at 1 pm

Mon Jun 29 at 11 am

Thu Jul 2 at 5:30 pm

Thu Aug 6 at 5:30 pm

Sat Aug 22 - Sat Aug 29

Flowers of Hope

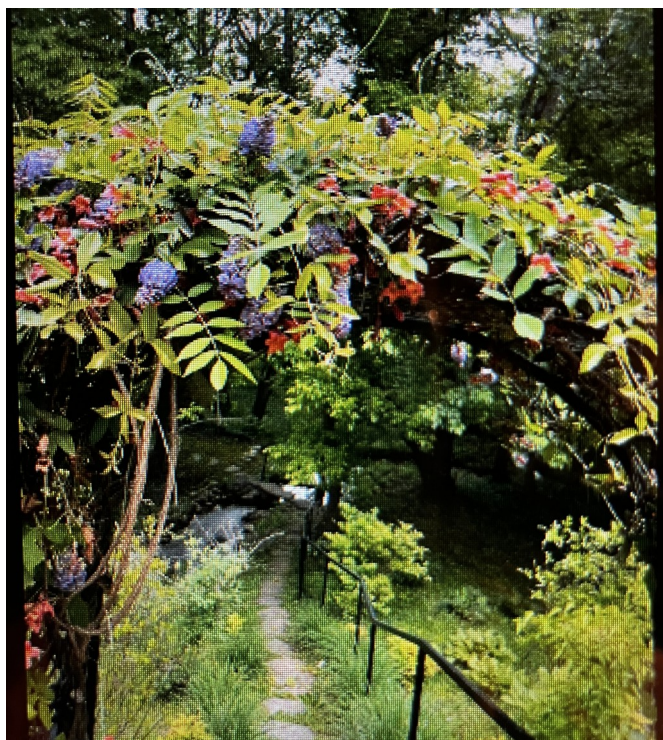
SOGC Executive Committee Meeting

July Garden Club Meeting

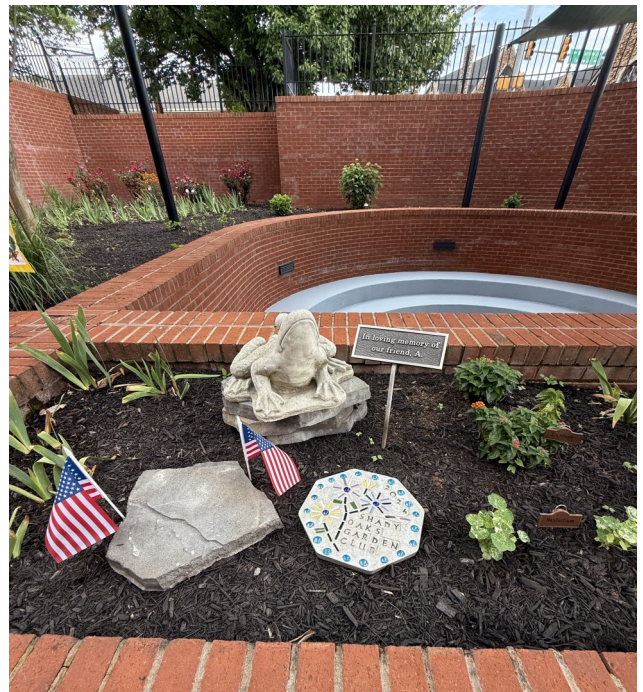
Club picnic/potluck at Rotary Park

Appalachian Fair Floral Exhibits

More Scenes From Garden Tour



JCPL on the Garden Tour



Our **floral design challenge** for June was "Guess That Tune", a creative interpretation of a song title. Club members had the opportunity to guess each song title.



"Stairway to Heaven"



"Bicycle Built for Two"

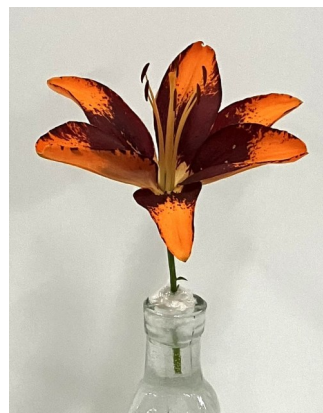
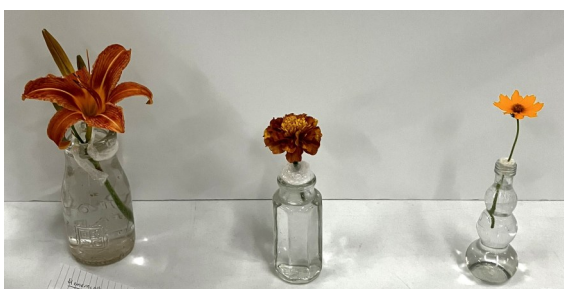


"Rock and Roll Heaven"



"Ebony and Ivory"

Horticulture Extravaganza!



Details of upcoming events:

Every Friday @ 1 pm - Flowers of Hope, 204 W. Walnut St., JC.

Mon June 29 @ 11 am - Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Thu July 2 @ 5:30 pm - Monthly club meeting at Wesley Church, have refreshments and floral exhibits in place by 5 pm. Program by HERBalachia. Creative design with fruits and/or veg.

Thu Aug 6 @ 5:30 pm - Picnic/Potluck at Rotary Park, Harris Pavillion, 1001 N. Broadway, JC. Petite design centerpieces.

Sat Aug 22 - Sat Aug 29 - Appalachian Fair Floral Exhibits, Gray, TN, more info at next meeting.

Months of Work... *(Continued from p. 1)*

Thanks also to our club Communications Committee for publicizing the event with flyers, social media, news outlets, etc. Special thanks to Cole Hendrix for publicity on our club website. Thanks to Rhoda Bliese for lending her organizational skills to the publicity for the tour. Thanks to Lee Chase for arranging a television interview and to Susan and Donna for appearing on TV.

We thank Heather Jacob, Mickie Grossman, and Barb Fleenor for opening up their home gardens for the tour. Thanks to Michelle Hejny for managing Eventbrite and helping out in many ways. A special thanks goes to Barb for offering her home as a base for the tour, providing refreshments and live music, and for her support for the whole process.

Many thanks to all of our club members for buying tickets, spreading the word, bringing baked goods, manning the various stations at the individual gardens, providing plants for the sale, and helping out wherever needed. It took the efforts of our entire club to make this Garden Tour the success that it turned out to be.



Native rhododendron bloom, slightly battered by recent heavy rain, on top of Roan Mountain.



Bright green new growth on a native fir tree in the cloud forest atop Roan Mountain.