

Garden Club Members Attend Regional Convention

Your Town: Today's Date– Members of the Your Garden Club attended the 47th annual convention of the Deep South Region of National Garden Clubs on March 30-31 at the Pensacola Beach Gulf Front Hilton. "Going Coastal" was the theme of the convention, which was hosted by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Activities got under way on March 30 when garden club members arrived from Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. After registering, members set up special exhibits and invitational designs after which they had a bit of time to shop the convention vendors. After meetings of the Executive Committee and Regional Council, all members gathered for the opening dinner and program entitled "Designers' Challenge."

On Monday, March 31st, the group started the day with a "Stroll on the Beach" to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The business of the group then took place, followed by a luncheon and speech by Marie Harrison entitled "Altruistic Giving" in support of Deep South Region's "Dollars for Scholars" program.

Educational workshops were the highlight of the afternoon, followed by a reception honoring National Garden Club President Barbara May and Deep South Director Mary Summerville. After the reception, participants attended the Awards Banquet during which states learned which of their clubs won the awards offered by the Region. The featured speaker of the evening was the NGC President.

The Deep South Region is a member of National Garden Clubs (NGC), the largest volunteer organization in the world. It was organized for the purpose of advancing the objectives of NGC and coordinating the interests of the states in the Region.

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