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Deep South Region 47th Annual Convention

Pensacola, FL, February 17, 2008 – Deep South Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. will hold its 47th Annual Convention on March 30-31 at the Pensacola Beach Gulf Front Hilton. “Going Coastal” has been chosen as the theme of the convention which is being hosted by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

Activities get under way on March 30 when garden club members arrive from Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. After registration is finished, members will set up special exhibits and invitational designs. Vendors with items of interest to garden club members will offer their wares for sale. After meetings of the Executive Committee and Regional Council, all members will gather for the opening dinner and program entitled “Designers’ Challenge.”

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

Educational workshops will be held in the afternoon, followed by a reception honoring National Garden Club President Barbara May and Deep South Director, Mary Summerville. Participants will then attend the Awards Banquet during which states will learn which of their clubs won the awards offered by the Region. The featured speaker will be the NGC President.

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