



Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs

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Dear Central Atlantic Region (CAR-SGC) Board Members,

We have been so grateful to have various Zoom programs and meetings to keep us connected over the last year when it was difficult to meet in-person. We enjoyed a variety of tech training courses, various schools and refreshers, board meetings, committee meetings and other essential region meetings via Zoom.

Our recent CAR Floral Prizefight Competition (December 7) stands out as a premier Zoom hybrid presentation for the pleasure and amusement of our membership and friends. The audience sat back, relaxed and enjoyed the show under the direction of Cherie Lejeune, Virtual Resources Chair for National Garden Clubs and Central Atlantic Region. Cherie did a Maestro's job managing the show, ad-libbing when necessary and injecting humor when needed. A Five-Star Performance!

Our stars, Design participants Arlene Stewart (NCA) and Sheila Croushore (PA); Horticulture presenter Shirley Nicolai (NCA); Referee Babs McClendon (NGC Flower Show Judge, NCA) and all involved with the program delivered a magnificent performance. The plant material and flowers were beautiful. The designs were high-scoring blue-ribbon exhibits. Great job, Arlene and Sheila!

What a great kick-off to the Holiday Season! On behalf of the CAR Region, I want to express our thanks to the performers for a very delightful program. Also, thank you to those who supported the program with their donations. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the CAR Scholarship Fund to assist college students in their education. Please let the performers know how much you enjoyed the show!

Happy Holidays to all —

Yours,

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