

**National Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**Annual Convention May 20-24, 2018**  
**'LOVE BLOOMS IN PHILADELPHIA'**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**Sun., May 20**

8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Registration and Credentials Open
8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Flower Room
9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Tour A-Longwood Gardens
6:30-7:30 p.m.	National Flower Arrangers Social Hour
7:30-9:30 pm	National Flower Arrangers Dinner

**Mon., May 21**

8 a.m.-6 p.m.	Registration and Credentials
8:30-11 a.m.	Organization Study Committee
8:30-11 a.m.	Membership Committee
9 a.m.-1p.m.	Tour B-Historic Philadelphia -Independence Hall -Liberty Bell -Constitution Center
11:15-12:15 p.m.	Finance Committee
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Optional buffet lunch open to all members (must pre-purchase)
1:15-2:30 p.m.	Finance Committee resumes
2-6 p.m.	Tour C-Chanticleer Garden and Reception
2-4 p.m.	Tour D – “Philadelphia in Bloom” Walking Tour (Limited to 15)
2-4 p.m.	COMAAI Committee
2-4 p.m.	Gardening Committee- *OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS
2-5 p.m.	Awards Committee
2:30-4:30 p.m.	IA Flower Show Schools Committee
2:45-3:35 p.m.	PH&E Trustees
3-5 p.m.	Sponsorships/Partnerships
4-7 p.m.	Executive Committee
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Joint Meeting-COMAAI and IA Flower Show School
Dinner on your own	

**Tues., May 22**

7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	Registration and Credentials
8 a.m.-1 p.m.	Vendors and Exhibits set up
8-10 a.m.	Environmental Schools Committee
8-10 a.m.	Gardening Schools Committee
8-10 a.m.	Landscape Design Schools Committee
8:30 a.m.-Noon	Flower Show Schools Committee
8:30-11 a.m.	Communications: PRINT & NON-PRINT Committees
8:30-10:30 a.m.	Future Conventions/Credentials/Protocol Committees
9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Tour E-Boat Trip to Bartram's Garden

9:00-10:30 a.m. State Presidents & Region Directors Meeting  
 9-11 a.m. Nominating Committee  
 9-11a.m. PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants  
 9-11a.m. Horticulture Committee  
 9-11a.m. Youth Committee  
 9 a.m.-Noon Schools Database Committee  
 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour F-Longwood Gardens  
 9:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon Tour G – PHS Community Gardens Tour  
 10 a.m.-Noon Environmental Concerns/Conservation Committee  
 10 a.m.-Noon Landscape Design Textbook Committee  
 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Schools Policies Committee  
 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Future Fall Board Meetings  
 11 a.m.-Noon Scholarship Committee  
 11 a.m.-Noon Golden Circle Committee  
 11a.m.-12:30 p.m. Using Social Media for Your Committees - Blue Star, Grants, National Garden Week, Penny Pines, Legislation, Representatives to Organizations and Tours  
  
 Lunch on your own  
 1-5 p.m. Vendors and Exhibits open  
 2-5 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting  
 2-4 p.m. Tour H-Historic Philadelphia-Museum of American Revolution  
 4-5 p.m. International Affiliates Reception-33rd Floor  
 5-5:30 p.m. Rehearsal for New Life Members  
 6-7 p.m. Life Member Reception-33rd Floor  
 7-10 p.m. NGC Life Member Banquet–Kirk Brown “John Bartram, The King’s Gardener”  
 10-11 p.m. NGC Life Member-33<sup>rd</sup> Floor, a spectacular panoramic view of Philadelphia at night

**Wed., May 23, Opening Day of Convention**

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration Open  
 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Vendors and Exhibits open  
 9-11:45 a.m. Business Session-Flag Ceremony (Sons of the American Revolution) and Mayor  
 10 a.m.-Noon Tour I-Philadelphia Mint (Spouse/Guest)  
 Noon-2 p.m. Opening Luncheon-Kent Russell, “Candy in the Garden”  
 2-5 p.m. Tour J-Eastern State Penitentiary (Spouse/Guest)  
 2:30-5:15 p.m. Seminars-Three Presentations:  
     2:30-3:15 p.m. The Future of Public Horticulture: “Building a Pipeline of Talent for our Industry,” Paul Redman, Longwood Gardens  
     3:30-4:15 p.m. “Peonies: What You Need to Know but Never Knew to Ask,” Kathleen Gagan  
     4:30-5:15 p.m. “Help ‘Love Bloom’ with Flowers in Your Home ...designs for the celebratory moments in your life,” Sharon McGukin  
 5 p.m. Rehearsal for Awards

6-7 p.m. Social Hour  
7-10 p.m. Awards Banquet- Entertainment by the Mummers

**Thurs., May 24**

7:30-9 a.m. Regions Breakfast  
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration Open  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Vendors and Exhibits Open  
9:15-11:45 a.m. Business Session  
Noon-2 p.m. Luncheon – “PHS and the Philadelphia Flower Show: Inspiring Gardeners and Transforming Communities,” Sam Lemheney and Matt Rader  
  
2:30-5:15 p.m. Seminars-Three Presentations:  
    2:30-3:15 p.m. “How to Turn Kids into Gardeners,” Johanna Schoeller  
    3:30-4:15 p.m. “Garden Time,” Vera Bowen  
    4:30-5:15 p.m. “Connecting Gardeners and Food Pantries,” Ample Harvest.org  
2:30-3:30 p.m. Tour K (a)- Green Roof Tour  
3:30-4:30 p.m. Tour K (b)- Green Roof Tour  
4:30-5:30 p.m. Tour K (c) –Green Roof Tour  
2:30-6:30 p.m. Tour L “History to Happy Hour” Brewery Tour (Spouse/Guest)  
5 p.m. Vendors and Exhibits Close  
6-7 p.m. Social Hour  
7-10 p.m. Design Banquet, “Philadelphia Style-Love it,” Jane Godshalk  
10 p.m. Closing Program

**Fri., May 25**

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tour M – Post-Convention Tour, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, N.J.  
9 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Tour N` – Post-Convention Tour: Winterthur, Brandywine River Museum Brandywine Cottage, Reception and Dinner at Funny Fox Farm, Longwood Gardens’ Illuminated Fountain Display (Limited to 50)