

Nancy L Hargroves

Nancy L. Hargroves, President-Elect of National Garden Clubs, Inc., is a native of Franklin, VA, and now lives in Manakin Sabot, VA. Horticulture and floral design have always been a significant part of Nancy's life, as she grew up on her family's vegetable plant farm and in her grandmother's florist business.

Nancy is a graduate of Virginia Tech, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition and a Master of Science degree in Food Service Management. In her professional career, Nancy was an Assistant Dietitian with Virginia Tech Dining Services; the owner of Colonial Catering in Blacksburg, VA; an Assistant Food Service Supervisor with Roanoke City Schools; and Adjunct Faculty Member in Food Science at John Tyler Community College in Chester, VA.

Nancy joined her first garden club in 1986 when she moved into the Westham neighborhood in Richmond, VA. She served as the President of the Westham Garden Club from 1987 to 1989 and is still a member today. She was a member of the Thomas Jefferson Garden Club from 1993 to 2007 and served as its President from 1995 to 1997. Additionally, Nancy has been a member of the Salisbury Garden Club since 2009.

On the district, state and region levels, she has held various positions, including President of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs from 2005 to 2007 where she initiated the current grant program for club projects that worked with youth. During those two years she was also President of the Board of Trustees of Nature Camp, Inc., a member of the Jamestown 2007 Beautification Task Force and a member of the America's Anniversary Garden™ Committee.

Nancy is a National Garden Clubs Accredited Judge. She is currently on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the American Horticultural Society. Nancy is also a member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, VA, the American Hemerocallis Society, and the American Azalea Society.

Nancy's personal gardening interests include creating gardens at her home with a four-season interest and an emphasis on collections of azaleas, daylilies, conifers, hydrangeas and Japanese maples. Her other gardening passion is fall and winter container gardening – an often requested program by those who know her.

In addition to Nancy's interests in cooking, gardening, floral design, needlework and travel, she is a passionate football fan. Nancy and her husband, Herbert, have two sons and two daughters.