

National Garden Clubs, Inc. 2019 - 2021

Espoma Organic Plant America Grants

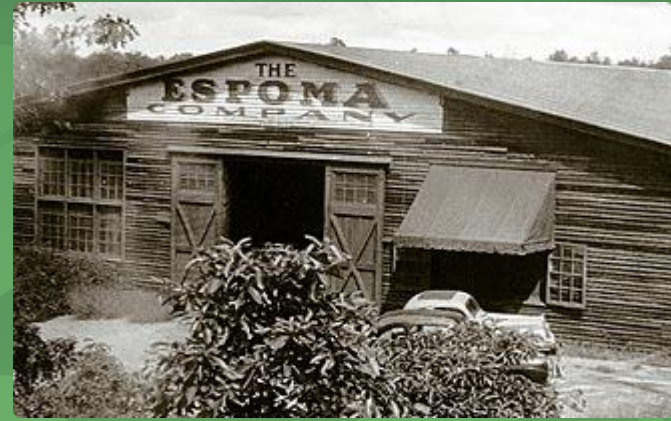




ESPOMA ORGANIC AND NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS
WANT TO HELP YOUR CLUB

Plant America!





Since 1929, four generations of family ownership have guided Espoma's mission:

Develop the finest organic gardening products that work in harmony with nature, grow beautiful gardens, and make a greener world for the future.

Espoma's Sponsorship and Grants for National Garden Clubs Member Clubs

- ❁ Grants began in 2017
- ❁ 63 Grants, of \$250 each, have been given
- ❁ The Winning Clubs represent 32 states
- ❁ To date, Illinois, and its clubs have won the most grants; Georgia ranks second
- ❁ To date, Pennsylvania has seen the most clubs apply
- ❁ It's been a **win, win**, for NGC's Member Clubs, as we work to 'PLANT AMERICA'!

2019 Espoma Grant Recipients

- Bay Shore GC - NY
- Bellmere GC – GA
- Big Rapids GC – MI
- Butler GC – PA
- Camden GC – AR
- DeKalb Federation of GCs – GA
- Garden Gate Study Club – LA
- Germantown GC – TN
- Grow & Show GC – NJ
- Hearthstone GC – TX
- Lake Bloomers GC – MO
- Mountain Laurel GC – MD
- Naperville GC – IL
- O’Fallon GC – IL
- Oshkosh GC – WI
- Ramblers GC – KY
- Schaumburg Community GC – IL
- Shepherd of the Hills GC – MO
- The Dix Hills GC – NY
- The GC of Garden County – NE
- The GC of Long Valley – NJ
- The GC of Palm Coast – FL

2020 Espoma Grant Recipients

- ❁ Chambersburg GC – PA
- ❁ Clarice Wilson GC – SC
- ❁ Cocoa-Rockledge GC – FL
- ❁ Eastside GC – TN
- ❁ For the Love of Growing GC – ID
- ❁ Granada GC – GA
- ❁ Grenada GC – MS
- ❁ Lakemoor Hills GC – TN
- ❁ Lookout Mountain Beautiful GC – TN
- ❁ Mason County GC - MI
- ❁ Plantation Lakes GC – DE
- ❁ Plaquemine GC – LA
- ❁ Rose and Dahlia GC – GA
- ❁ Stevensville GC – MT
- ❁ Roswell GC – GA
- ❁ The 25 Gardeners GC – MO
- ❁ The GC of McKeesport – PA
- ❁ Tipton Federated GC – IA
- ❁ Top O' The World GC – CO
- ❁ Tuolumne County GC - CA

2021 Espoma Grant Recipients

(as of March 31, 2021)

- ❁ Amaryllis Garden Club of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- ❁ Myrtle Beach Garden Club of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
- ❁ Parkside Garden Club of Normandy Park, Washington
- ❁ Wildflower Garden Club of Strattonville, Pennsylvania
- ❁ **YOUR CLUB NAME COULD BE HERE!**

(Apply By May 31, 2021)

O'Fallon Garden Club – Illinois

The 90+ members of OFGC have turned a former run down trailer park property into a beautiful butterfly garden, perennial beds, garden plots, and a community garden that grows each year.



Over 10,000 pounds of vegetables have been donated to the local food pantry. O'Fallon GC members meet twice a week to plant, weed, water, educate and enjoy the company of fellow gardeners as they continue to beautify their community and enhance lives.

<https://www.ofallongardenclub.com> – check out their community garden project!



Roswell Garden Club – Georgia

RGC's numerous community projects focus on beautifying Roswell, conserving landscaping, promoting the love of gardening and educating both members and their community.



Roswell GC members maintain the entry landscaping at the Roswell Adult Recreation Center and developed the Waist-High Garden Program at the ARC for visitors' enjoyment and as a project to work with the ARC's Young Adult group. The waist high planters were built by a local Eagle Scout candidate.



Tipton Federated Garden Club - Iowa

TFGC partnered with the Tipton School District, which built a 20'X40' greenhouse to enhance STEM programs. The project was delayed due to flooding and Covid, but was ready in Fall 2020. The greenhouse is used by PK-12, as well as for local FFA classes. The Espoma Grant of 29 bags of Organic Potting Mix and TFGC and its members, were a huge help in this STEM initiative!



The Garden Club of McKeesport - PA

For 86 years, 40 members of the TGCM have maintained over 3.5 acres of a public Rose Garden (AARS recognized) and Arboretum with 2000+ roses, a Butterfly Garden, Herb beds, a Daylily bed, a Pond, a Cutting Garden and a vast Perennial bed, which are all located in Renziehausen Park.



The Club begins its year in the garden each April with the pruning of the roses and continues their work throughout the garden until Mid-November. Every Wednesday is a workday, and all members are encouraged to participate in some capacity.



Mason County Garden Club - Michigan

MCGC members join the "Gardening Angels" in planting and maintaining gardens around the buildings at the Historic White Pine Village in Ludington, Michigan.





The MCGC members try to utilize heirloom and historical plantings when possible.



Members spend Tuesday mornings gardening, and have lunch on the grounds.



Parkside Garden Club – Washington

PGC installed and maintains two established gardens, one at The Cove - where they hold their meetings; the other is their Blue Star Memorial Garden. Their newest project is establishing a garden at the new Highline Heritage Museum in Burien, Washington.



Clarice Wilson Garden Club – SC

In 2020, CWGC began rejuvenating their 2005 Butterfly Garden Project. Overgrown shrubs and invasives were removed and replanted with SC Native Plant Society recommendations.

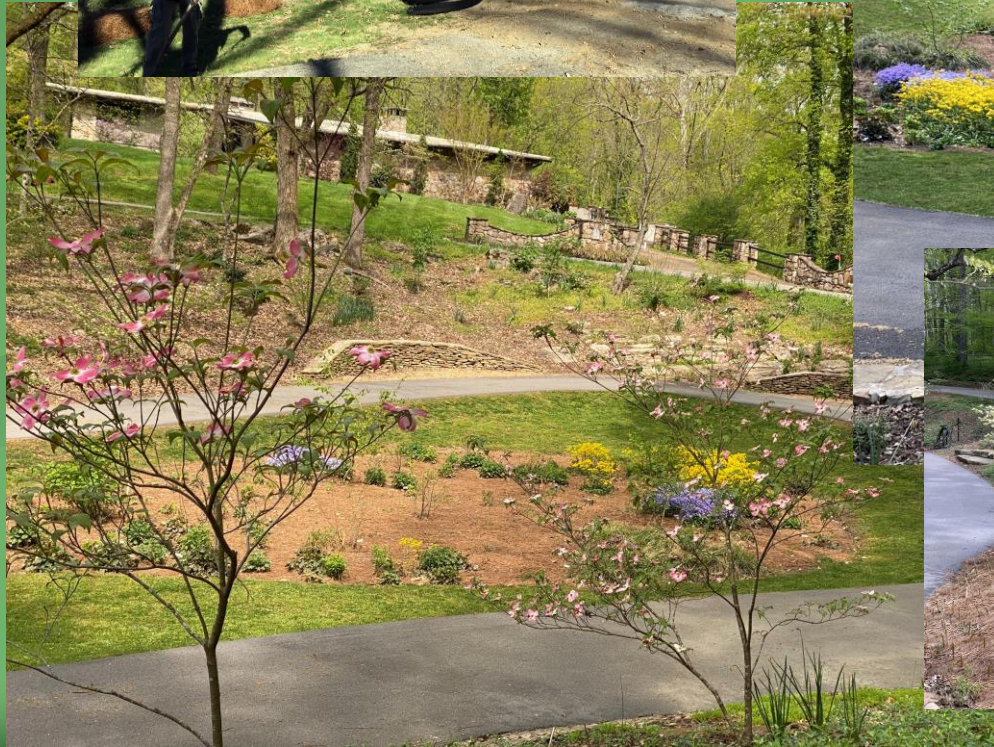


Clarice Wilson GC also maintains a Blue Star Memorial Garden, a 'Plant it Pink' Garden, The Carolina Fence Garden of Native SC Plants and an Heirloom Vegetable Garden.



Lakemoor Hills Garden Club – Tennessee

LHGC has turned a former overgrown sinkhole into a large pocket garden with a native plant garden, a rain garden, rock gardens, azalea gardens and pollinator gardens. This was a multi-stage plan.



The gardens, located in Lakemoor Legacy Park and Gardens, are certified as a NWF Wildlife Habitat and a Monarch Waystation. The garden's development was a collaboration between Lakemoor Hills GC, NGC Garden Clubs of Tennessee, Neighborhood Associations and numerous city and county entities.



Rose and Dahlia Garden Club – Georgia

RDGC began a Garden Therapy Program at Iris Place, a senior residential home. There are 5 raised beds for residents to continue their love of gardening while being assisted by club members.



Tuolumne County Garden Club – CA

TCGC, in partnership with Cal Fire, began work on a Blue Star, Gold Star and a Fallen Firefighter Memorial Garden. When complete, the Tri-Memorial will contain walking paths, benches for reflection and signage. The Fire Resistant Demonstration Garden will contain native trees, shrubs and flowers.



Myrtle Beach Garden Club – SC

Savannah's Playground –
an All-Inclusive Playground
for all ages and abilities



Granada Garden Club – Georgia

In October 2017, GGC decided to beautify a city pocket garden as a gift from their club after they turned 50! The pocket garden contains seating, trees, crepe myrtles, roses and grasses. Thank you Espoma for our products! We're using them to help our pocket park grow!



Shepherd of the Hills Garden Club - MO

SHGC members used their Espoma products for the flower and veggie gardens at the Shepherd of the Hills Humane Society. They plant and maintain containers at the entry to the Humane Society and its nearby thrift store. SHGC members also help plant and cultivate a community garden which is just for the paid and volunteer staff of the Shepherd of the Hills Humane Society and its thrift store employees and volunteers. The garden enables them to have fresh produce and flowers and a place to unwind from the often stressful environment of finding new homes for thousands of animals each year.



Top O' the World Garden Club - CO

For nearly 28 years, Top O' the World GC has maintained four flower beds in several city parks in Gunnison, CO. They invite the public to join them in planting and cultivating throughout the spring and summer, in order to help develop interests in gardening in their high altitude region.



Plantation Lakes Garden Club – Delaware

PLGC members assist the activities director and staff at The Atlantic Shores Rehabilitation and Health Center by guiding patients to beautify two courtyards with potted plants and bed plantings. The therapy gardening includes planting, weeding, deadheading and watering.



Grenada Garden Club – Mississippi

GGC members planted a Nature Trail on the Campus of Holmes Community College in collaboration with school officials, faculty, and students, as well as Boy Scouts and Youth Gardeners.

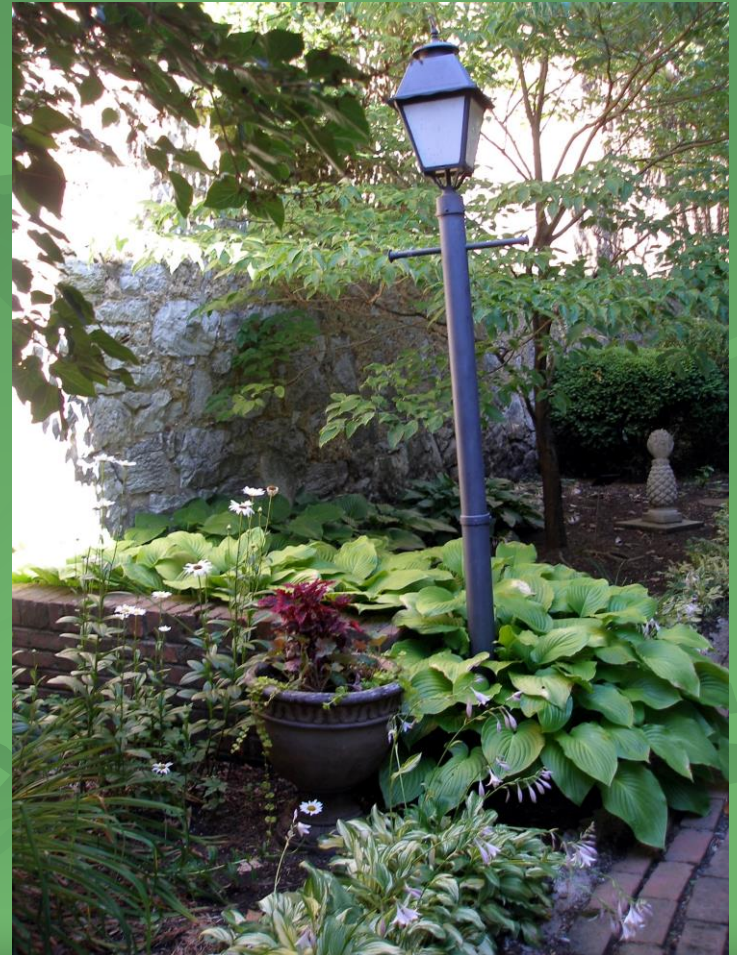


GGC and HCC designed the trail to promote overall wellness, especially for students. Several sites for pollinator gardens are visible to anyone on the campus, as well as from a nearby long term care facility, a mental health facility, and the local hospital. Educational resources include a 'Little Free Library' supported by HCC's Phi Theta Kappa, which supplies books on nature, relaxation and plant identification.

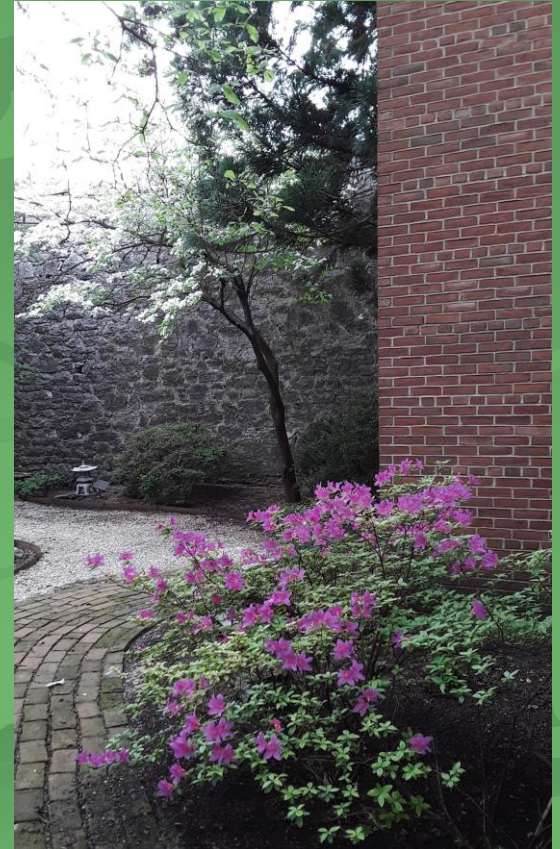


Chambersburg Garden Club - Pennsylvania

CGC members maintain three gardens at the Kittatinny Historical Society - a Fragrance Garden, a Colonial Garden and a Japanese Garden. This garden area is located in downtown Chambersburg. CGC also plants five containers with Summer annuals to encourage people to continue walking through the gardens.



The CGC gardens are located on the grounds of the Franklin County Historical Society, Kittochtinny Genealogy Library and Museum and the Old Jail. Members also design and maintain numerous, seasonal planters around historic Chambersburg.



Cocoa- Rockledge Garden Club – Florida

CRGC established a walk through garden consisting of FL Native plants, including those attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies.

The goal was to allow club members, renters and the general public to have a peaceful and enjoyable experience.



CRGC members cleared 1/10 of an acre of land by clearing vines from oak and palm trees, trimming oak trees and palm fronds and thinning out the undergrowth. They established pathways and added benches and educational signage to identify the plants.



Members of National Garden Clubs are passionate about growing with a purpose and The Espoma Company wants to help. We're looking for NGC Clubs with a vision that we can help bring to life. We're selecting up to 20 NGC Clubs, with various project types to receive a grant for Espoma Potting Soils and Fertilizers.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Grant applications for 2021 are accepted *October 1, 2020* through *May 31, 2021*
- Simply complete the online form at <https://www.espoma.com/garden-clubs/> or on NGC's website at <https://www.gardenclub.org>
- Be sure to attach a description of your project, your plans and 'before photos'
- Tell us when your project is scheduled to begin

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- The Espoma Grant Committee will select winning clubs (must be NGC)
- Selected projects will be directed to a local retailer for their product grant

WHEN the PROJECT IS COMPLETE - or during the project if multi-phased

- Send photos of your project site with work in progress or completed, to Debi Harrington – photodebi@gmail.com

REMEMBER: Applications are accepted through *May 31, 2021* for the 2020-21 term

WHAT WE WILL DO WITH YOUR SUBMISSIONS

- Share on NGC's social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)
- Release to *The National Gardener* and *Keeping in Touch* for possible publication

APPLY NOW!

Applying for the Espoma Plant America grant is easy. Questions? Contact Debi Harrington: photodebi@gmail.com or 505-206-0930 MST

Tips for an Award Winning Application

- ❖ Be thorough when filling out your application
- ❖ Be descriptive in relaying your project's vision/goals
- ❖ Include two or more photos, in a JPG format.
(Remember, the Espoma Grant Committee has not seen your site.)
- ❖ Landscape design drawings/sketches are a bonus

Clubs submitting several photos and/or drawings often help themselves towards winning an award!

Remember: The Grants are for Espoma Products Vouchers –
not for cash awards

Garden Fertilizers



Potting Soils



Lawn Fertilizers



Liquid Fertilizers



Plant Protection



Single Ingredients



Synthetic Fertilizers



**On behalf of National Garden Clubs,
Inc., I would like to thank Espoma
for their generous sponsorship of the
Espoma Plant America Grants and
other monies donated in the past five
years. It has been a pleasure to serve
with John Harrison and Bonnie
Satterthwaite from Espoma.**

Debi Harrington, Espoma Grant Committee