Grow
Your World
AND
Green
Your Community
BY Joining
A Garden Club

As nearly 200,000 men and women of all ages and backgrounds across the nation can attest, the rewards of belonging to a garden club go far beyond the pure pleasure of growing things.

While joining a local garden club is indeed a great way to “green” your thumb, membership also provides an opportunity to expand your interests and build lifelong friendships while bettering your community and the environment.

Individual garden clubs focus on particular local interests while also enjoying the opportunity to network regionally (through state organizations) and nationally (through National Garden Clubs, Inc.). In general, each local garden club determines its specific programs, which are tailored to members’ interests as well as area needs. Clubs offer an enjoyable variety of educational, environmental, social and civic projects that attract a diverse membership.

Through providing stimulating, informative and relevant programming for today’s world, local garden clubs continue to thrive from generation to generation.
You’ll Find Much More Than A Garden Variety of Activities

Most local garden clubs meet monthly and offer a wide range of top-notch educational programs. Topics cover the latest gardening techniques for flowers, shrubs, trees, vegetables and house plants; organic gardening; landscape and floral design; creating ponds and water features; conservation and environmental education; and the study of birds, butterflies and beneficial insects and how to attract them.

In addition, garden clubs develop and participate in a myriad of outstanding and rewarding local, regional and national community service projects.

A small coast-to-coast sampling includes:

- **Helping Habitat for Humanity Homeowners.** Garden clubs provide gardening education and assistance to Habitat homeowners throughout the U.S. During Habitat’s national “Home Builders Blitz,” garden club members work side by side with new homeowners to help them establish low-maintenance, environmentally friendly gardens.

- **Working with Children and Schools.** Garden clubs assist local schools in establishing gardens to teach children about nature, horticulture, the environment and how to “plant native.”

- **Holding Flower Shows.** These enjoyable events continue to draw crowds while giving club members a chance to exhibit their plants and floral arrangements and compete for prizes. The shows also help spread the word about the joys of gardening and serve as a forum for learning and discussing the latest horticultural techniques.

- ** Beautifying and “Greening” the Community.** Garden club members frequently take on park and vacant lot rehabilitation; community gardening; recycling and pollution-control efforts; and historic-site preservation. Many clubs actively support the “Blue Star Memorial” program, which honors those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces by placing distinctive and permanent memorial markers along highways and in national cemeteries, parks and veterans facilities.

How to Join a Garden Club Near You

It’s simple to get in touch with garden clubs in your area.

1. **Contact the national organization.**

   To find garden clubs near you, contact National Garden Clubs via phone, mail or e-mail, or visit the NGC Web site at www.gardenclub.org.

   **Phone** 314.776.7574

   **E-mail** headquarters@gardenclub.org

   **Mailing Address** National Garden Clubs, Inc., 4401 Magnolia Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110-3492

2. **OR, contact your state or local organization via their Web sites.**

   The NGC Web site resources page (www.gardenclub.org/resources/stategc.aspx) maintains an alphabetical list of links to all the state Web sites. Many of the local clubs and their respective links are also included on the list.

Join today!