

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
 NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
 Convention April 30 – May 5, 2023
 “Almost Heaven”**



Sunday, April 30	Pre-Convention
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	NGC Staff Office/Storage
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Floral Workroom
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Registration
3:00 p.m.-5:00 pm.	Tour 1: Greenbrier Legacy Homes
6:00 p.m.	Optional dinner at the Schoolhouse Hotel in White Sulphur Springs (pre-purchased)

Monday, May 1	Committee Day
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	NGC Staff Office/Storage
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Floral Workroom
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Registration/Exhibits/Vendors
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Organizational Study Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Scholarships Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Sponsorship Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Gardening School Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Environmental School Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Landscape Design School Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Flower Show School Committee Meeting
9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Tour 2: Historic Lewisburg Tour
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Tour 3: Greenbrier Bunker Tour

11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.	Optional Lunch (pre-purchased)
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1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Tour 3: Greenbrier Bunker Tour
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Media Committee Meeting
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Membership Committee Meeting
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Meetings Committee Meeting
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Plant America Committee Meeting
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Schools Policy Committee Meeting
3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	PH&E Trustees Meeting

Dinner	On your own
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Tuesday, May 2

Awards Day

7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. NGC Staff Office/Storage
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Floral Workroom
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibits/Vendors
8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Environmental Concerns & Conservation Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Gardening Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Grants & Natural Disasters Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Horticulture Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Photography Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Virtual Resources Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Youth Committee Meeting
9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tour 2: Historic Lewisburg Tour
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tour 3: Greenbrier Bunker Tour
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tour 4: Greenbrier Floral Designer John Gillespie's Workshop and
DIY Network Barnwood Builders Store

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Optional luncheon (pre-purchased)

12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. State Presidents Awards Rehearsal

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. ***Board of Directors Meeting***

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Awards Banquet- Speakers: Award of Excellence Winners; State Awards

Wed., May 3

Design/Horticulture Day

7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. NGC Staff Office/Storage
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Floral Workroom
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibits/Vendors
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Tour 5: Spouse Tour: Distillery/Brewery Tour

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. ***Business Meeting: Opening Session***

12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Luncheon-Speaker: Kevin Dodge "Night Sounds of the Appalachians"

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. 2023-25 Executive Committee meeting

2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Seminar 1: Art Chadwick "How To Grow Orchids in the Home"

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Seminar 2: Frank Ceravalo "Improve Your Garden Images" (No matter the camera)

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Current and Incoming State Presidents & Region Directors Meeting

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Design Banquet with Designer: John Gillespie

"A 100 Year Legacy of Gillespie's Flowers at the Greenbrier"

Thurs., May 4

7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. NGC Staff Office/Storage
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Floral Workroom
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibits/Vendors
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tour 6: Spouse/Guest Tour: Falconry Group Lesson

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. ***Business Meeting: Closing Session***

12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Luncheon-Speaker: Jan Bills, "Comfort, Ease and Simplicity in the Garden"

2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Seminar 3: Claire Shuchman "The Cutting Garden"

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Seminar 4: Jan Runyan & Bill Beatty "Birding Essentials"

2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Tour 4: Greenbrier Floral Designer John Gillespie's Workshop and DIY Network Barnwood Builders store

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Inauguration Banquet

Dessert reception hosted by West Virginia Garden Club

Sine Die - Convention closes

Friday, May 5

7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. ***2023-2025 Board of Directors Meeting with continental breakfast***

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Tour 7: New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Tour - America's Newest National Park
Optional guided walk on the catwalk 25 feet below the New River Gorge Bridge