



48th President

ADMINISTRATION HISTORY PRESIDENT BRENDA MOORE 2023-2025

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Including
State
Garden Club
Highlights!

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President's Projects

PLANT AMERICA, FEED AMERICA

Focused on donating the produce that NGC members harvested from their own gardens.

PLANT AMERICA - LANDSCAPE FOR WILDLIFE

Encouraged people to have their gardens registered as a National Garden Clubs Certified Wildlife Habitat.

PLANT AMERICA - PLANT FOR POLLINATORS

Encouraged people to have their gardens recognized as a National Garden Clubs Certified Pollinator Garden.





Administration Highlights



Membership Growth

National Garden Clubs, Inc. gained more than **3,400** members from October 2023 to October 2024!

Feeding the Hungry

Our Plant America, Feed America initiative has donated more than **101K** pounds of food to local food banks and those in need.



Providing Education

Our schools, webinars and conventions provided hundreds of people with quality educational experiences.

Building Our Image and Future

Our **Path of Success** connects us to the Missouri Botanical Garden and is a fundraiser for NGC. We've raised over **\$124K** to date.



Engaging Youth

Our youth contests and youth publications help adults inspire the kids in their lives to embrace the power of gardening and plants!

Administration Achievements

Grants

- Plant America 2023-2024: 36 grants: \$49,197
- Plant America 2024-2025: 26 grants: \$47,912
- Wildflower-Native Pollinator 2023-2024: 4 grants
- Wildflower-Native Pollinator 2024-2025: 4 grants

Youth Contests

- Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster
- Youth Poetry
- Youth Sculpture
- Reinstated Youth Essay Contest

Membership Growth

NGC Membership increased **241** from October 2022 to October 2023 and **3,446** from October 2023 to October 2024!

Education and Programs

Free quarterly webinars on the following topics:

- "Going Green" – Problems with and getting away from single use plastics.
- "Hanging of the Greens" – Williamsburg decorating tips.
- "Green Yards" – Planting for pollinators and wildlife.
- "Dark Skies" – The dangers of light pollution.
- "Going Green for the Holidays – Eco friendly floral design.
- "Go Green – Feed America" – How Garden Clubs are helping to eliminate food insecurities.

Governance

- First hybrid virtual/in-person Fall Board meeting.
- Executive Committee continued virtual winter meetings.

Intellectual Property

- *My Green is Gone* – Youth book.
- Do Something Green – *Digital youth workbook*.
- Added work pages/lesson plans to existing youth book.

PR & Expanding Our Reach

- Established *Weddings on Magnolia* - hiring out our headquarters for events and weddings.
- Improved the "Join a Club" web feature.
- New signage to promote Plant America grant recipient gardens.

Fundraising

Dedicated the *Path of Success* and have raised over **\$124K** to date!



Biography

Brenda Moore

Submitted when installed as the 48th President.

Brenda Moore, of Oak Hill, West Virginia, is honored to serve as the 48th National Garden Clubs, Inc. President, and to promote her theme of “Go Green – Plant America.”

Brenda was born in Morgantown, WV and grew up in Fort Washington, MD. She attended West Virginia University and there met her husband, Ron, while obtaining her degree in Family Resources. While home caring for their children, Rebekah and Andy, volunteerism became an important way to connect with others and give back to organizations she cared about. As her children got older, she taught in the Fayette County, WV Public Schools and later worked for Fayette County, WV Public Library. Brenda is a gammy to seven perfect grandsons.

Although the daughter of an agriculture engineer and married to a forester, Brenda’s love for all things outdoors began when she first joined a garden club in 1994. Never did she dream, by accepting an invitation to join a garden club, she would become a club president, a district director, the West Virginia Garden Club President and now the National Garden Clubs President.

Brenda has a special passion for unusual and native plants. The Moore’s have a certified West Virginia Wild Yard, a National Wildlife Federation Certified Yard, and a Certified Monarch Waystation. Being a good steward of our Earth is very important to her. As a four-star member, becoming a five-star member is one of her goals. The four NGC Youth books were authored or co-authored by her.

She looks forward to meeting, communicating with, and working with National Garden Clubs’ members and potential members to make our organization an even better one.

“No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it.” —Andrew Carnegie



Acceptance Speech

May 4, 2023

White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia



I am proud to represent NGC as a West Virginian. West Virginians are an independent and self-sufficient people who enjoy a slower pace of life and defend our faith, family and friends. A former state auditor, Glen Gainer, said: “West Virginians are as rugged as our mountains, as generous as our abundant wildlife and are as complex as our network of clean free flowing rivers.”

My theme for the next two years is “Go Green - Plant America.” It appears to be a simple theme, but it is multifaceted. When I look at Google Earth, I am proud to live in a forested state that appears all green. Many places in our state are remote but I would not trade the natural beauty of our green spaces for anything. Plants are essential for survival and give us a sense of well-being. That is the subject of National Garden Clubs’ latest, and my last youth book entitled “My Green is Gone.” We will continue to promote participation in our youth projects and working with youth. This includes a new printable activity book entitled “Do Something Green.” Children are our future garden club members and stewards of our Earth.

“Go Green” promotes environmental responsibility. To quote Kermit the Frog: “It’s not easy bein’ Green.” It is not always easy being a good steward of our planet – it oftentimes means making hard choices. We need to ask ourselves: do we always have to have the biggest, the newest and the best and dispose of the old, yet still usable items? Thomas S. Monson states: “May we ever choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong.” Sometimes that harder choice is purchasing more costly native plants compared to the plants found in box stores. It could mean not having the latest electronics. It might mean using a pitcher of water instead of using plastic water bottles at our meetings. It can mean not having America’s idea of perfect lawns and instead choosing to protect pollinators and animal habitats. Sometimes it means doing away with unnecessary paperwork at our garden club meetings. Environmental Stewardship is part of who I am and thus will be a major emphasis of this administration.

A green light means “GO.” So, we will have Go Green - Plant America initiatives. I will continue to support and encourage applications to Plant America Community Grants. A new initiative will be Plant America, Feed America, encouraging planting gardens and sharing the bounty to feed those with food insecurities. Another will be Plant America – Landscape for Wildlife, and Plant America – Plant for Pollinators. This will involve National Garden Clubs’ promotion, certification and tracking members’ pollinator and wildlife habitats. Once certified, members will have the option of purchasing a sign for their yard.

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Acceptance Speech, Cont'd

May 4, 2023

White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia



I encourage members to “Go” for it whether it is deciding to attend NGC schools, deciding to serve in their club, on their state or the NGC board of directors, or making changes to long held traditions to make all garden clubs more appealing to all individuals. Set goals for yourselves, for your clubs, for your state, as I have set goals for NGC and myself. One of my personal goals is to become a five-star member. I am now one symposium away from that goal. I believe in our schools and completing all four schools has shaped how I view our natural world.

Another lyric in Kermit’s song states: “But green’s the color of Spring. And green can be cool and friendly-like.” We need to be friendly-like as we go green. We need to be encouragers and not be critical, especially of our leaders. We are all volunteers. We are all going to make mistakes.

During this administration I don’t want us to be recognized for our titles, but by our works. I hope we can set an example of what it means to “Go Green.”

Gone are unnecessary papers and plastics
Outreach to diversify our membership
Growth in our membership
Recycling and upcycling will be emphasized
Environmental concerns will be expressed
Encouraging more participation in our schools, conventions, meetings, and programs
Networking with our members and nature

I will close with the quote from Russell Page: “Green fingers are the extension of a fertile heart.” I look forward to hearing from and working with each of you.



Fall Board Meeting - President's Report

September 2023

“Being a member is about knowing that you’re not on your own and that you share experiences with other people.” - Anonymous

Five months into my presidency, I am often reminded of the benefits of belonging to a garden club. It’s so important to share experiences, even difficult ones, with other members. I’ve at times been in the valley but as former President Lois Shuster, told me, those valleys make you appreciate the mountain tops. I’m going to share some of my experiences with you.

I’ve held and attended meetings and answered telephone calls and e-mails. We’ve held our first webinar on single use plastics – the problems and solutions. The registration was full in less than one day. Unfortunately, many who registered didn’t attend. This video is now in video café on our website under webinars.

I’ve been educated. I live in a state where water is plentiful, but at the Nevada Garden Clubs meeting, I learned they consider the gallons of water each plant uses before deciding on what to plant. I heard programs on caring for roses in both Washington and Oregon. I visited many Fargo Garden Society members’ gardens and have come back inspired. Now to find time to implement those ideas.

I’ve been able to visit some of the best and most beautiful areas of our country in between visiting state garden clubs on our own dime. I’ve also seen and felt the effects of climate change. My husband and I passed through deserts around Las Vegas and stopped by Yosemite. We followed the National Volcanic Monument trail in Oregon and visited Crater Lake, which had 3 feet of snow. We were the only ones there wearing shorts. We explored Olympia, Washington. We got to visit Mt. Ranier National Park and had hoped to visit Mt. St. Helens, but a road collapse prevented that. I participated in celebrating Fargo Garden Society’s 100th anniversary and I saw their club’s numerous projects including the gardens of an AOE winner. I even saw props from the movie Fargo.

Most of all, I have enjoyed visiting with longtime friends and making new friends of NGC members. Each state has its own personality. All members were so friendly and attentive. I look forward to visiting Massachusetts, Iowa and New York in October.

Finally, I appreciate our BOD members and HQ staff. I appreciate their responsiveness and input. Their enthusiasm and love for National Garden Clubs as well as their support of me is much appreciated. We’ve made decisions that we feel will move NGC forward. I’m excited about what is ahead for National Garden Clubs.



Board Meeting - President's Report Convention 2024 Denver, Colorado

"Progress is rarely a straight line. There are always bumps in the road, but you can make the choice to keep looking ahead."
Kara Goucher

Since June, I have enjoyed visiting the following states to attend their region meetings: Little Rock, Arkansas; Gatlinburg, TN; Des Moines, IA; Plymouth, MA and Corning, NY. I've also visited State conventions in Jacksonville, FL, Atlanta, GA and Little Rock, AR. I usually speak on leadership at region meetings, and I present a power point "50 shades of Green" at state meetings, explaining what NGC offers its members. I presented this program by Zoom at Minnesota's state convention. Visiting with our membership is my favorite thing to do.

It keeps me in touch with what is going on within regions, states and members. National Garden Clubs has faced many challenges this administration. We are in the midst of transitioning. Understanding transitioning and the need to transition is important. Transitions mark milestones, offer fresh starts and offer new opportunities to reflect and re-calibrate. Transitions also have a way of revealing character and competency in those called to lead in this new season.

National Garden Clubs is always evaluating spending. We want to be good stewards of our finances. One such change will include less mailings which will include going from printed certificates to emailing printable certificates. We have to learn to plan and conduct conventions so they don't continue to suffer from financial loss for NGC. They also need to be affordable for those attending. Our fall board meeting will be a hybrid meeting, with little financial commitment from NGC. I don't know how this will work, but we have to try.

National Garden Clubs hopes to rewrite our standing rules and bylaws in the next administration. Some things are lacking in our governing documents, some on the other hand are unnecessary. We've been patching these documents for years and it's time to look at them in their entirety and catch up with the times. You will find many changes to the Flower Show Handbook to simplify the process of becoming a Flower Show Judge. Of course this happened once I reached the status of being a master FSS judge. So many of these changes are dependent on input from our members. Each of you is so important to the future of National Garden Clubs. Thank you for serving and keep looking ahead.

Fall Board Meeting President's Report

September 19, 2024
St. Louis, Missouri



"Know the hats you need to wear and wear each of them well." Kavi Arasu

I have learned, as President of National Garden Clubs, that you need to wear many hats. One hat I wear with pride is the members' hats. This hat was created and given to me by a member of Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs. I so enjoy visiting our members during their conventions or meetings. Another is this hat, given to me by one of our International Affiliates. This hat reminds me I'm to chair meetings and conduct the business of NGC. Then I wear a gardening hat... unfortunately I've not been able to wear this as much as I'd like. Finally, I wear a fireman's hat.

This is my least favorite hat, that I've had to unfortunately put on more than I care to, to put out fires or controversies. Yet, despite those fires, NGC continues to move forward with an eye towards the future. We dedicated the Path of Success which is beautiful. We'll be voting on a portal to better keep our schools' credentials instead of all of the forms we're currently using. We've registered many Pollinator Gardens and have also registered our landscaping for Wildlife. We continue to donate garden produce to those in need and we've received a lot of support for this program.

We have several new officers, chairmen, committee members. Even with these changes we're pushing ahead without missing a beat. Greg Pokorski has been a God-send. Robin Pokorski and her committee will be starting Membership Mondays in October on the first Monday of the month. We just held another webinar on Night Skies, light pollution. Trish Bender has taken over posting blogs and is doing a great job. She is off for a bit, for medical reasons.

I appreciate our BOD members and HQ staff and our membership. I appreciate their responsiveness and input. Their enthusiasm and love for National Garden Clubs as well as their support of me is much appreciated. We've made decisions that we feel will move NGC forward. I'm excited about what is ahead for National Garden Clubs.



Introducing the 'Brenda Moore'

Board Meeting - President's Report

May 2025

"Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting" Brian Tracy

When I was interviewed by the Nominating Committee and asked why I would want to become third Vice President, I responded by saying that NGC has given me so much that I wanted to give back to the organization.

I served NGC the best I could. There seemed to be a lot thrown at me this administration. The Bible states in James 1:3 that testing produces patience. I should have lots of patience. I've dealt with problems and issues head on. I've tried my best to protect NGC staff, NGC and my BOD in dealing with issues. Because of these many issues, I've used the option to decline serving as PH&E director simply to give myself a needed break. Ron and I moved to Pittsburgh and will use the time to settle in and get involved in community activities. I've already spoken to four local clubs and joined Shaler Garden Club. I've answered every email, even when they are critical or ask for questions that could be found on the website. We've offered free webinars and brought back Membership Mondays. And our membership increased by approximately 800 in 2023 and 3500 in 2024, reversing a long-standing trend of losing membership. I attribute this to answering inquiries, which Robin is doing, and helping those that inquire find a garden club. I also attribute that to interacting with members. I traveled to as many states as I could. The biggest compliment which I receive often is "I'm down to earth."

I've tried my best to give back and in turn, I've received. I've received wonderful friendships that will last a lifetime. I've received some wonderful and unique gifts – which started with an orchid named after me from my own state, WV. I've received state life memberships; a tree named for me in Grenada, MS along with a 3 lb. ball of MSU Eden cheese; a day named for me in LeCounte, LA, the pie capital of LA – April 7; trees planted in my name in DE where we walked the shoreline to see horseshoe crab line the shore. Alva Hutchinson later sent me a book about these unique creatures; Maryland probably gave me the most unique gift – a set of coasters with sayings such as "I did a push up today. Well, actually I fell down. But I had to use my arms to get back up so...you know, close enough." I've received many donations to NGC projects in my honor. And did I mention friendships? Bonding and enjoying each other is what NGC is about. NGC helped me to fulfill my desire to visit all 50 states. Note I didn't visit all 50 these past two years. When close, we visited our National Parks. Ron and I wore shorts to visit Crater Lake which had 3 feet of snow. We also visited Glacier National Park a day after Road to the Sun opened. We have had positive responses to the Presidential Projects – Plant America, Feed America; Plant America – Plant for Pollinators; Plant America – Landscape for Wildlife. These projects reflect my heart. Finally, thank you for your patience and for allowing me to serve. It's an experience I'll never forget.

NGC Executive Committee

at the end of the 2023-2025 term



Brenda Moore

President



Greg Pokorski

Parliamentarian



Donna Donnelly

1st Vice President



Mary Warshauer

PH&E Director



Gerianne Holzman

2nd Vice President



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Central Region Director



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Central Atlantic Region Dir.



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Recording Secretary



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South Atlantic Region Dir.



Susan E. Yoder

Historian



Sarah McReynolds

South Central Region Dir.

State Highlights

The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.

Theme: Gardening is an Investment in the Future



Kathy Sudduth

2023-2025 President



\$71,555 in
scholarships
granted
(2023-2024)



80 Clubs
1,720 Members



Outstanding Programs

1. Placing 5,000 wreaths on Veteran graves for Memorial Day.
2. Planting 15,000 trees in a forest area damaged from a hurricane.
3. Two conventions held with great participation, programs, activities, tours, and great food.



Goals

1. Host three state wide meetings per year.
2. Educate club members and the community on the value of planting trees and improving our communities through local city gardening efforts.
3. Improve membership through education efforts in conventions, district meetings, and our online communications.

State Highlights

Alaska Garden Clubs

Theme: Gardening Under the Midnight Sun



Sharron Carlson

2023-2025 President



2 state
scholarships
granted



3 Clubs
123 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Presentations to youth. The ages were from 7 to 9 grades. It was a half day event and the topic was pollinators and the impact the environment had on the pollinators.
2. This presentation was also at the Purple Up event at the Boys and Girls Club.



Goals

1. Continuing education about gardening, the environment and pollinators.
2. Promote recycling.



State Highlights

Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Growing Our Future



Judy Kennedy

2023-2025 President



\$20,000 in
scholarships
granted



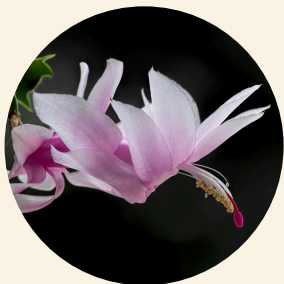
16 Clubs
595 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Annual State Convention raising \$6,000.
2. Sponsor and club donations and limited AV cost helped defray expenses.
3. A portion of the proceeds went back to the clubs based on the degree of participation.

Goals

1. Increase membership and participation.
2. Highlight educational opportunities.
3. Expand relationships with other organizations with similar interests through Affiliate status.



State Highlights

Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Dig, Plant, Grow



Pam Ellis

2023-2025 President



\$2,000 in
scholarships
granted



49 Clubs
1,249 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Hosting the SC Region Convention.
2. Hosting two complete Flower Show Schools. producing 3 student judges.
3. Having the first NGC Gardening School in conjunction with the state Master Gardeners Advanced Training program

Goals

1. To increase membership and participation in the schools



State Highlights

California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Planting the Seeds of Tomorrow Today



Carol Vallens

2023-2025 President



\$12,000 in
scholarships
granted



235 Clubs
18,000 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Our 2024 Convention offered a unique design program. Many people attended this highly sought-after program, including Flower Show Judges from many other states.
2. We had an Arbor Day tree planting at the San Bruno Mountain State Park. We also had a memorial service honoring Shane Looper at the same site.
3. During our 2024 Fall Board Meeting we held an open mic session where board members had the floor to bring their ideas, concerns and suggestions to the executive committee.



Goals

1. Raise money for our State Scholarship Fund.
2. Provide a more useful way for our different chairmanships to meet and share information.
3. Increase membership on the CGCI Board and at the Club level.

State Highlights

Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Growing Our Knowledge



Victoria Schmidt

2023-2025 President



\$2,000 in
scholarships
granted



16 Clubs
363 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. NGC Standard Flower Show "Our Glorious National Parks" at the Adams County Fair which is attended by over 2,000 people.
2. We have one evening club that meets virtually and also has field trips.
3. Most clubs have combined in-person and virtual meetings each month which allows members to be more involved and up to date on events, workdays and happenings.



Goals

The Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. serves and supports our community through education, conservation, horticulture, and landscape design.

State Highlights

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

**Theme: Care for Our Air Plant a Tree /
Care for Your Air Grace your Home with Houseplants**



Karin Pyskaty

2023-2025 President



\$8,000 in
scholarships
granted



113 Clubs
6,233 Members



Outstanding Programs

1. Our tours program has offered members the opportunity to travel to Washington DC, Scotland, Cape Ann, Canadian Rockies, The Delmarva Peninsula, Sicily, Vietnam and Cambodia, and Texas to view the wildflowers.
2. Our Five Roundtable events brought clubs from around the state together. Individual clubs volunteered to host the event. Board members lead discussions on membership challenges, finances and insurance, social media and promotion, fundraising ideas, programs and committees and FGCT resources.

Goals

1. Board of Directors to meet in person and virtually when weather deemed it necessary.
2. Two treasurers workshops in the fall, an awards workshop in January as well as a social media workshop.
3. Visit as many clubs as possible to share the benefits of membership with the clubs.
4. Secure a brick and mortar office.
5. Update office procedures .

State Highlights

The Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs

Theme: BEE Aware, BEE Involved, BEE Kind



Ginny Cardona

2023-2025 President



\$2,000 in
scholarships
granted



21 Clubs
695 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Rare and Unusual Plant Auction with Gregg Tepper.
2. Design Program with Julia Clevett.
3. The History and Horticulture of Laurel Hill.

Goals

1. Create an organization of positivity.
2. Increase participation in State events.
3. Increase clubs' participation in garden club and community activities.
4. Develop a leadership pipeline.



State Highlights

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Celebrating 100 Years



Bettina Tuttle

2023-2025 President



\$30,000 in
scholarships
granted



154 Clubs
10,822 Members



Outstanding Programs

1. Floral Design Study: A 9-unit course of study for members who desire to learn how to create flower show quality designs.
2. Fun With Flowers: A program that provides "show and tell" design examples, and gives hands-on instruction so each attendee goes home with a design.
3. Short Courses: Three different educational opportunities are offered annually that feature expert speakers, tours, vendors, and 8 hours of CEUs for our Master Gardener friends.

Goals

1. Our Strategic Planning Committee is developing a 5-10 year plan that will assist us in meeting our goals of selling our headquarters building, maintaining or increasing our membership, hiring a bookkeeper, magazine editor and other key positions as needed.
2. We are actively trying to find alternative ways to cut the cost of conventions and to revamp our summer environmental Wekiva Youth camp.

State Highlights

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

Theme: Plant America: promoting beautification, conservation and education



Lisa Hall

2023-2025 President



\$175,000 in
scholarships
granted



281 Clubs
9,549 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Leadership/awards workshop beginning of the term. Given in 5 locations.
2. Gardening and Landscape Design schools held on Zoom.
3. Flower Show School held again after many years to increase the number of judges in GA.



Goals

1. Increase the use of technology to better serve the membership through the use of Zoom and membership software, Member365.
2. Change the quarterly magazine to full size, full color.
3. Increase communication to members reaching individuals directly through email.
4. Bylaws update.
5. Change format of annual convention.
6. Increase educational opportunities.
7. Expose clubs to grant opportunities within GCG and NGC.

State Information

Hawaii Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



Marian Dean

2023-2025 President



State Information

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.



Tom Martin

2023-2025 President



State Highlights

The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.

Theme: Let's Grow Together Illinois: Plant America



Diane Dawson

2023-2025 President



\$100, 000 in
scholarships
granted



134 Clubs
6,500 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Food donations to food banks across the state --awarded NGC Award of Excellence for a large club in 2023.
2. The Children's Woodlands Garden at the Lincoln Memorial Garden.
3. Blue Star/ Gold Star.

Goals

1. Hold Virtual Town Halls to encourage our members to tell us what they need and answer questions.
2. Improve messaging directly to the clubs.
3. Create remote clubs for the working people.



State Highlights

The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.

Theme: Plant Trees for Hope



Jayne Kesler

2023-2025 President



\$28,000 in
scholarships
granted



48 Clubs

1,143 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. September Seminar Water is Essential for Life.
2. Our outstanding District Meetings: 7 individual meetings in district area attended by clubs with information on the state as well as a speaker on a topic of the District's theme.
3. Our President's Project is supported by a grant program where clubs can apply for \$100 to support their program of planting a tree.
4. A club workshop day on Bees in 2023 and Spring into the Woods in 2024.



Goals

1. More virtual committee meetings.
2. To promote interest and education in horticulture, landscaping, floral design and environmental concerns.

State Information

Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, Inc.



Marlene Marolf

2023-2025 President



State Highlights

Kansas Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Bee a Guardian of the Galaxy, A Pollinator Protector



Penny Morgan

2023-2025 President



2 scholarships
granted



6 Clubs
110 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Blue Star Marker Placements. Have placed 2 in the last 3 years.
2. Plant America - Feed America: Participation of local clubs to educate and maintain community gardens that produce vegetables.



Goals

1. Work towards getting clubs to have virtual meetings, and using the NGC website or information and program materials.
2. Becoming aware of more of the NGC Grant Programs available for community projects.

State Highlights

The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.

Theme: Go Green... Plant Kentucky! Plant Kindness and Beauty, Harvest a Garden of Friends!



GCKY

Susan Throneberry

2023-2025 President



\$39,000 in
scholarships
granted



43 Clubs

1,500 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Boone County Garden Club received a PLANT AMERICA grant this year for designing, maintaining and supporting a landscaping project highlighting the "Catio" at the Animal Shelter.
2. GCKY's National Disaster Re-Leaf Fund has been a valuable resource to Kentuckian's hit hard by flooding and tornadoes.
3. GCKY has emphasized the opportunity clubs have to purchase through club funds or other donations Blue and Gold Star Markers. Markers have been placed in county parks, rest areas on Interstate Highways and most recently in the Historic African Cemetery #2 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Goals

1. To be transparent by offering Zoom meetings for any member who couldn't travel to meeting and providing the budget and Financial Reports to all members.
2. Offering Zoom presentations to interested members on our finances and how our different accounts work for us.
3. Increase membership.
4. Webpage overhaul.
5. Working with councils to reestablish schools in Kentucky and update records.
6. Keeping our historic state headquarters well preserved and available for use by our membership and to be used as a paid venue for the public to become self-sufficient.

State Highlights

Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

Theme: Louisiana Goes Emerald - Plant Wildflowers



Patricia Ortalano

2023-2025 President



\$30,000 in
scholarships
granted



67 Clubs
1,851 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Scholarship Fund Raising LGCF Presidents' project during 2023-2025: \$13,800+
2. Our beautiful Headquarters in Lecompte LA was sold after 49 years of ownership; Time for LGCF to restructure!
3. Eight Blue Star Memorial Markers were dedicated; All Five Louisiana Veteran cemeteries now have Markers.



Goals

1. Scholarship fundraising in order to continue providing scholarships to college students. During this term FOXY TROXY was created going around the State raising funds for scholarship. Foxy Troxy alone collected over \$6660 plus Life Membership funds & Memorial donations.....over \$13,800 was collected for the Scholarship Fund!

State Highlights

The Garden Club Federation of Maine, Inc.

Theme: Rethinking the Lawn



Karen Rae

2023-2025 President



\$58,000 in
scholarships
granted



40 Clubs
2,100 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Hybrid Landscape Design School
2. Continuation of Open Gardens
3. Resumption of in-person Fall Conference



Goals

1. Complete the revisions of the By-laws and Job Descriptions.
2. Continue the "Rethinking the Lawn" educational programs (speakers, a workshop)
3. Increase the number of clubs in GCFM by reaching out to other non-member clubs in the state.

State Highlights

The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.

Theme: Sustaining Maryland, One Action at a Time



Susan Middleton

2023-2025 President



6
scholarships
granted



77 Clubs
2,855 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Through our Alice Rush McKeon Fund in partnership with the Forestry Service and DNR planted approximately 300 trees in multiple parks across the State.
2. Conducted Project Wild Training. A one day program introducing club members to a curriculum they could use to educate youth.



Goals

1. To provide support, leadership and education for garden clubs and the public about best practices for horticulture, conservation and landscape design.
2. We encourage the protection of our natural resources, endeavor to create civic beauty, to work for the improvement and protection of roadsides and parts, and award scholarships to further these goals.

State Highlights

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

Theme: Nurture Nature



Marjorie Dienhart

2023-2025 President



\$11,000 in
scholarships
granted



168 Clubs

11,000 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Held in-person floral design workshops (6 each year) entitled Design Workshops and Fundamentals where designers create a floral design. One workshop is for beginners with basic ideas and the other is for those with some experience.
2. Held a series of 12 free webinars over the two years during the winter months.
3. Created a video of program speakers for clubs as they look for speakers for their clubs. Video is on our website. Speakers are taped and have 3 minutes to talk about their various programs.



Goals

To expand the use of native plants; encourage the use of natural gardening and less use of pesticides; continue to develop an appreciation for horticulture, landscape design and floral design.

State Highlights

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Grow, Share, Connect Michigan!



Nancy Ryan

2023-2025 President



\$38,000 in
scholarships
granted



135 Clubs
4,868 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Gardening With Purpose grass roots initiative to support Feed America - worked throughout 2024 to donate over 74,600 lbs.
2. State sponsored bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show in 2025. Members from 16 clubs and 7/8 districts participated.
3. First time since 2016 MGC sponsored all four schools simultaneously around the state and hosted a Zoom Bi-refresher.



Goals

1. Increase focus on the environment.
2. Streamline use of technology.
3. Reduce administrative workload in volunteer leadership positions especially those that provide member services.
4. Establish external Network.

State Highlights

Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc.

Theme: Conservation of the Natural World - PLANT AMERICA



Catherine Williams

2023-2025 President



5
scholarships
granted



17 Clubs
360 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Richfield Garden Club has had a community garden for four years now. This year they produced nearly 1,000 pounds of produce that was given to the local food shelf.
2. FGCM, Inc. has a booth at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival to sell garlands. All the club members are asked to make the garlands. Monies go to the garland makers and/or clubs and the FGCM.
3. "The Healing Power of Nature" by Ann Jeager was a special hit. This theme was carried throughout the year in articles in the newsletter, The Garden Dirt, and in other programs.



Goals

"The Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc. will provide (1) education, (2) foster communication, and support our members in their endeavors to (3) promote the (a) love of gardening, (b) floral design, (c) civic and (d) environmental responsibility.

State Highlights

The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

**Theme: Growing in our Communities...to
Plant, Promote, Protect**



Melinda Causey

2023-2025 President



\$10,000 in
scholarships
granted



92 Clubs
2,668 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Youth camps were held around the state to engage our youth and to introduce them to gardening and gardening skills.
2. Longest running Landscape Design Symposium in the nation.
3. To better communicate with our Clubs, we published a Monday Moments weekly email blast with upcoming events; a monthly one page email with educational information about a select chairmanship and/or project and grants offered; and a quarterly Newsletter highlighting projects and events in all six districts.

Goals

1. Establish direct communication with club members by advancing our digital and social media presence, and increase marketing to promote garden clubs.
2. Update website to make it more user friendly and to align headings/topics with our printed directory for consistency.
3. Encourage clubs to set up a club Facebook page.
4. All six Districts will hold Fall district meetings to recognize clubs for their achievements, and hold Spring district meetings to distribute programs and information for the new year.

State Information

The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc.



Beverly Wattenbarger

2023-2025 President



State Highlights

Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Sow It - Grow It ... Communication Across Montana



Diane Ward

2023-2025 President



\$24,000 in
scholarships
granted



23 Clubs
550 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Communication Across Montana - using the Radio to let the community know about the Club and what it has done and is doing for the public. A list of contact information was given to each club. They send a representative to meet with the Radio Station Manager/ Program Director and negotiate on dates and times and how many spots will run. 3 samples of 30 second spots were given to each club to customize to their events or activities. This project was to help clubs gain new members and get the community involved in some of the clubs events.



Goals

1. To get better communication between NGC, State Organization and local Clubs.
2. To try to keep members informed from the National level to the State level and between the local Clubs.

State Highlights

National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Shining the Spotlight on our Local Treasures



Barbara Kiker

2023-2025 President



\$50,000 in
scholarships
granted



60 Clubs
2,105 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Our state meetings concentrated on outstanding speakers. Karen Brace a rehabilitator of possums, Art Chadwick - orchids, Tim Walsh from NASA Goddard.
2. Our scholarship program awarded 9 scholarships each year. We increased our donations to \$25,000. Time was spent at each meeting for our members to meet our recipients virtually.
3. Our Virtual Club was started with 15 members. It has grown to 20 members and is now accepted into NCA as a dynamic club.

Goals

To involve all members in NCA.



State Information

Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska, Inc.



Chris Martin

2023-2025 President



State Highlights

Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: It's Time to Grow



Karen Elliott

2023-2025 President



\$1,500 in
scholarships
granted



12 Clubs
196 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Seed swap: community gardeners come to our building to swap seeds. It's advertised online.
2. Spring Fling event: local gardeners or vendors can rent a table for their products. It's getting more interest each year. Also widely advertised online.
3. Clubs are now combining their flower shows to make them larger events. We were asked by the National Chrysanthemum Convention held in Las Vegas in 2024 to organize & handle the design portion of the show.

Goals

To broaden our base and recognition in the community through community events & educational activities.



State Highlights

New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Plant Seeds of Friendship



Winifred Schmidt

2023-2025 President



\$40,000 in
scholarships
granted



18 Clubs
946 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. The Annual Meetings and the Fall Gatherings held every year would be the most attended and enjoyed programs. We keep the business part short and efficient and create a learning experience for those in attendance.
2. Every year we sponsor a day bus trip to a beautiful garden in New England.
3. We have increased the amount of money given to the different awards or scholarships and are in the process of establishing a scholarship for members who attend NGC schools and other approved learning experiences.



Goals

1. Gardening is a solo activity but garden clubs make it a team activity. We grow through friendship with others, as well as friendship with the environment.
2. Increase awareness of all the advantages of NGC membership.
3. Fun will always be our goal!

State Highlights

The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.

Theme: Gardening for a Healthy Mind, Body and Soul



Beverly Kazickas

2023-2025 President



Provides
scholarships
annually



100 Clubs
4,500 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Gardening for a Healthy Mind, Body and Soul club projects varied from meditation, sensory, vegetable, pollinator and native plant gardens, to floral tray favors for meals on wheels, to educational programs at schools, libraries and senior citizen centers.
2. Celebrated the GCNJ's 100th Anniversary in conjunction with our Annual Meeting at the Molly Pitcher Inn in Red Bank.
3. Publishing a big, beautiful 'cocktail table book' featuring the 100 garden clubs affiliated with GCNJ.

Goals

1. To coordinate the interests of the garden clubs within the state and to bring them into closer relationship by association, conference, and correspondence.
2. To aid in the protection and conservation of our natural resources.
3. To cooperate with other groups furthering the interests of conservation and horticulture.
4. To encourage civic beauty and roadside development.
5. To study and teach the arts of flower arranging and horticulture.
6. To raise funds to support educational, charitable, and scientific causes.

State Highlights

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Grow Through What You Go Through



Debra Sorrell

2023-2025 President



2
scholarships
granted



21 Clubs
467 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. The Penny Pines (now called Plant a Tree) program was enthusiastically supported by members due to the extensive fires in New Mexico in 2022. Every corner of the state was affected so it was a widespread concern. There were more severe fires in 2023 which reinforced the need to reforest.



Goals

1. Continue to build the leadership pool in our clubs with active mentoring.
2. Promote great programs that make members feel that their time was well spent in meetings.
3. Bridge the gap between club membership and national membership - and all that is in between.



State Highlights

Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.

Theme: Plant America-Pollinator Pathways through New York State and Beyond



Donna Sessa

2023-2025 President



\$20,000 in
scholarships
granted



181 Clubs

6,045 Members



Outstanding Programs

1. State sponsored and funded all Four Courses for a Flower Show School.
2. A 100th Anniversary Celebration Gala was held in Albany NY for the FGCNYS membership in 2024 including the 11 garden clubs also celebrating 100 years. The Gala was incorporated with the Annual Convention.
3. Our donations to Water for South Sudan and Dig Deep projects have earned us an award. For fiscal year 2023-2024 we remitted \$16,555.26 if funds.

Goals

1. Balanced budget.
2. Updated bylaws, standing rules and policies and practices to align with changes due to COVID protocols.
3. Updated electronic voting protocols to reflect changes approved by Parliamentary Rules.
4. Assist our membership in keeping New York's water clean, forests green and flowers blooming.

State Highlights

The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.

**Theme: Cultivating Inspiration by Communicating,
Educating and Participating in Gardening**



Linda McLendon

2023-2025 President



\$44,000 in
scholarships
granted



151 Clubs
4,654 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. We sponsor three North Carolina Gardens: The Daniel Boone Native Gardens, The Elizabethan Gardens, and the Martha Frank Fragrance Gardens (for the Blind).
2. Increased GCNC Life Membership by thirty-six, SAR by six and National by nine total of fifty-one.
3. We have partnered with the Department of Transportation in the "Wildflower of the Year" Program. They have competitions and there are awards given to the Winners of the Best overall plantings of Wildflowers in each region.

Goals

1. Increase Membership
2. Have more NGC Schools
3. Apply for more Grants and Awards



State Highlights

North Dakota State Garden Clubs

Theme: Conserve Nature and Grow Friendships in North Dakota



Linda Anderson

2023-2025 President



\$1,500 in
scholarships
granted



1 Club
57 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. The NDSGC pays for a Zoom subscription for the Fargo Garden Society, our only club.
2. Making sure North Dakota State Garden Clubs does the scholarship program for our local students.
3. Keep writing Rocky Mountain Regional newsletter quarterly articles for communication purposes.



Goals

To find a Vice President that is interested in attending National Garden Clubs and Rocky Mountain Regional meetings.



State Highlights

The Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.

Theme: Let's Garden with Ohio Natives



Kathy Wagner

2023-2025 President



\$75,000 in
scholarships
granted



103 Clubs
2,917 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Nature Conservancy in Ohio helps protect nearly 65,000 acres of Ohio lakes, rivers, and forests through donations from our clubs.
2. Seeds of Friendship: Help the people of Rwanda providing vegetable and flower seeds for gardening and to help save the rain forest.
3. Ohio Natural Areas and Preserves Association: Helping to keep our Natural Areas and Preserves through stewardship and donations in 40 state natural areas.

Goals

1. Introduce a new program to award monetary grants to non-Garden Club of Ohio Not-for-profit agencies that adhere to the GCO Mission Statement.



State Highlights

Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Green Grows the Garden - Plant OK



Carolyn McCabe

2023-2025 President



\$6,000 in
scholarships
granted



26 Clubs

513 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. OGC 44th Wildflower Workshop, "Wild About Wildflowers" an educational study of native Oklahoma wildflowers.
2. OGC 45th Wildflower Workshop, "Party for Pollinators" an educational study of plants to attract pollinators to our gardens.
3. Fund raising program: Throws with Oklahoma State symbols, 100% cotton, made in America, were sold to pay for State President's Project. The program netted \$2,052.



Goals

1. President to attend all district conventions during term.
2. Reach children of the next generation by offering a reward to clubs who participate in the President's Project.
3. Develop new webpage to provide better local and outreach activities & information.

State Highlights

The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Learn, Share, Grow



Carolyn Olley

2023-2025 President



4
scholarships
granted



67 Clubs
2,282 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Virtual convention in 2024. We had presentations from the National President, NGC Executive Director, and our Pacific Region Director.
2. The State President's Project. Raising awareness and money for beach-accessible wheelchairs. Members raised enough to buy two beach-accessible chairs that will be presented at our state convention.
3. Updating our bylaws and standing rules was a priority. It was accomplished, and they were streamlined. We also adjusted the number of people considered the "Board." That made it easier to conduct business and required fewer people to reach a quorum.



Goals

1. Collect enough funds to get a beach-accessible wheelchair and present it at the 2025 Convention.
2. Increase membership by at least 50 people during 2024-2025.
3. Increase participation at State Board meetings by having them on Saturdays and decreasing the cost.

State Highlights

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

Theme: PLANT AMERICA, While Keeping PA Beautiful



Leeanna Ryba

2023-2025 President



\$24,000 in
scholarships
granted



104 Clubs
4,750 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Leadership Workshop (ZOOM) for all garden club presidents, treasurers and any person wanting more information concerning garden club leadership roles. Topics covered were 501 c-3/990 filing, dues process, website, awards.

Goals

1. Have Blue Star markers at all Interstate highway entrances to PA.
2. Have at least one complete NGC Flower Show School.



State Highlights

Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Growing Together for a Sustainable Future



Judy Gray

2023-2025 President



\$8,500 in
scholarships
granted



24 Clubs

975 Members

Goals

1. Solidify a closer relationship between the board members and club members.
2. Integrate green floral design practice into workshops and demonstrations.
3. Update by-laws to provide us with a more solid foundation, which will lead to long-term financial sustainability.



Outstanding Programs

1. 2023-2024 Design Study Group provided an opportunity for education in basic and advanced floral design in a structured, hands on environment, exercising the Elements and Principles of Design for the purpose of entering NGC sponsored flower shows.
2. Jim Studley SODCO Inc; Green Certified Sod Farm, RI. Lecture on the transitions made to allow sustainable options in agriculture.
3. Jim Donahue Curator of Historic Landscapes & Horticulture for the Newport Preservation Society. Jim presented on over 20 years of experience designing, installing and maintaining some of New England's most notable landscape. The research, the accuracy of historic plantings and drawings were immense on the latest project "The Breakers".

State Highlights

The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.

Theme: Legacy Gardening: Past – Present – Future



David E. Stoudenmire, Jr.

2023-2025 President

\$42,000
in scholarships
granted



163 Clubs
4,603 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Veteran's Day Program, dedication of Veteran's Brick Paving Project and a Memorial Day service and reception was held in May 2024.
2. State Christmas Tree Lighting, The event was televised and enjoyed by South Carolina citizens and garden club members who were not able to attend the festivities.
3. Garden Tours: "The Best of English Gardens and The Chelsea Flower Show" and a tour of Newport, R.I.'s historic "Gilded Age" mansions, gardens and the Newport Flower Show.

Goals

1. Maintain and improve Memorial Garden.
2. Conduct President's Training Sessions in all seven GCSC Districts for club presidents.
3. Increase membership.
4. Garden Heroes Campaign: To recognize and honor special people, outstanding garden club members, and community gardeners who inspire us to garden, fuel curiosity, cultivate interest and seed confidence.
5. Five-Star Clubs contribute donations of \$200, to be divided by five major GCSC programs.

State Highlights

South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Growing Greener!



Mary Lerssen

2023-2025 President



Helps promote
NGC
scholarships.



4 Clubs
133 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. We had an excellent state convention with speakers, food and opportunity to share and make some money with silent auctions, raffles and sales.
2. One of our clubs received the NGC Pollinator Garden certification for a garden they support.
3. One of our members has attended three of the Environmental Classes to become a consultant. Since we do not have classes in SD, this is a huge accomplishment.

Goals

1. We hope to fill our officer positions and maintain our clubs.
2. We hope to increase our membership.
3. We hope to place more blue star markers.



State Highlights

The Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Birds, Bees, Flowers & Trees - Plant Tennessee - Plant America



Denise Thorne

2023-2025 President



\$15,000 in
scholarships
granted



89 Clubs
2,089 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. TriRefresher offered at the DSGC Convention we held 2024.
2. The programs held in The Great Smoky National Park were outstanding.
3. Every Blue Star or Gold Star Family Marker Ceremony is detailed and moving and inspires all USA citizens.



Goals

1. Membership, education, environmental responsibility.
2. Promote youth activities in gardening.
3. Promote birds, bees (pollinator) flowers and trees programs.



State Highlights

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Choose Your Path & Make a Difference...Promote Harmony



Lee Taylor

2023-2025 President



\$82,675 in
scholarships
granted



206 Clubs
8,458 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Backyard habitats: Ninety-nine backyard habitats have been created by the efforts of members from six different districts.
2. Bird Sanctuaries: Twenty bird sanctuaries were provided by clubs and individual members.
3. Our headquarters building has been a source of controversy since Forth Worth wants to take the building for its own use and we have a signed deed to the property. TGC voted at the 2024 Fall Convention in Abilene to keep the building and additionally turn it into an event center sponsoring garden-related events and creating a source of income for the organization.

Goals

Our goals are to promote the love of gardening, floral design, horticulture, civic responsibilities, landscaping, garden therapy, and environmental concerns for men, women and children to encourage harmonious participation in the young and advanced students.

It is the purpose of this organization to preserve, protect and conserve the natural resources of this country, and to maintain the enhancement of the beauty of our land.

State Highlights

The Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Stewards of Our Earth



Sue McJames

2023-2025 President



\$2,000 in
scholarships
granted



10 Clubs
600 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. 2024 Spring Convention held at the Sugar House Garden Center.
2. 2024 Fall Convention held at the Sugar House Garden Center featuring Paul Genho as speaker. Paul is a daylily expert and has created 17 new varieties of daylilies that thrive in Utah's climates.
3. Several of UAGCs hold an annual flower show -the Utah Rose Society, the Utah Iris Society and the Utah Orchid Society.

Goals

We are a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., and we share its mission to provide education, resources, and networking opportunities for our members, and to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.



State Highlights

Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc.

Theme: Cultivate and Nourish Yourself in Nature...Play Outside



Doris Van Muller

2023-2025 President



2 state
scholarships
granted



16 Clubs
690 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Annual and Fall Meetings - held in June and October for club members to attend a day-long program, guest speaker, lunch, learn and socialize.
2. Annual District Meetings - Held in April for each of the three districts to share club news and to hear state, regional and national news updates.
3. Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest - This year a third grade student won the Regional award.



Goals

1. To continue to have events and programs which aid in the protection and conservation of our natural resources.
2. Encourage the state local clubs to promote civic beautification and educational programs in the field of horticulture, ecology, environment, landscape, and floral design.

State Highlights

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Every Person Makes a Difference



Valerie Story

2023-2025 President



\$84,000 in
scholarships
granted



139 Clubs
3,511 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. State Fair of Virginia- materials for floral design were given to fair attendees, members were giving demonstrations on design. This program is well received. Brochures are available with information on contacts for joining a garden club.
2. NGC schools are held in various areas of Virginia.

Goals

1. Increasing membership.
2. Interest in schools NGC.
3. Organization of virtual clubs.



State Highlights

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs

Theme: Nurture People~Nurture Plants~Nurture Our Planet



Suzann Stahl

2023-2025 President



\$14,000 in
scholarships
granted



60 Clubs
2,043 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Plant a Tree-We made it a goal to double the amount of donations in 2023-2025.
2. Blue and Gold Star Markers-We have 54 installations in the state. Five were added in the last 2 years.

Goals

1. Increased communication with members from state leadership to club members.



State Highlights

West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

**Theme: GO GREEN – Grow with the Flow
Bee the Seed, Sow – Bloom!**



Martha Hilton

2023-2025 President



\$14,000 in
scholarships
granted



67 Clubs

1,349 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Work day in each community that we held the Convention in which we gave local residents more information as to what Garden clubs do in their communities.
2. Our Conventions are now done not by a single District but by each District having a specific job which rotates each year as well as the job of Convention Chairman.
3. Raised funds for our treasury by designing an ornament that signified out state flower with a small state symbol in the middle - over \$3,000 was raised on the initial order and a second order was placed to keep up with demand.



Goals

1. Membership - done with contests.
2. Programs that are available to members - list has grown significantly for clubs to pull from.
3. Being available for the members when they had questions.
4. Having Garden Clubs involve other organizations such as Rotary or Realtors to do their community projects.

State Highlights

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

Theme: Honoring Veterans and Gold Star Families



Linda McCafferty

2023-2025 President



\$23,750 in
scholarships
granted



32 Clubs
979 Members

Goals

Wisconsin created a Futures Committee which is (1) gathering information on ways to achieve goals through conversations, experiences, other members, and other organizations; (2) developing a list of potential projects and ranking them in order of importance and potential to be accomplished sooner rather than later; (3) featuring articles in "Wisconsin Gardens" magazine to provide sources of information; and (4) creating new section on the website listing numerous resources and advertising ideas to promote clubs, education opportunities and benefits to the communities.

Outstanding Programs

1. The National Eagle Center promotes eagle conservation. It recently led the effort to make the bald eagle our country's national bird. Jarod Lueck, Avian Education Specialist, discussed "Eagle Conservation" and introduced us to eagle rescue Latsch.
2. Birds in the Garden—Creating and Enjoying a Bird Oasis" by Pam Karlson. She has documented more than 100 species of birds in her 50x100- foot space filled with more than 200 species. She shared what native plants, trees and shrubs and water sources which provide habitat for birds and other wildlife.
3. Micro manage Your Soil? Understanding Plant Nutrients," by Diana Alfurth. Sshe discussed what amendments to use that actually improve the garden soil.

State Highlights

Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme: Gardening for Hope



Linda English

2023-2025 President



\$1,000 in
scholarships
granted



5 Clubs
125 Members

Outstanding Programs

1. Blue Star Marker Program - several have been added in the last few years.
2. Membership Programs - our membership is increasing throughout the state.
3. Newsletter communication is going well.

Goals

1. Address environmental concerns.
2. Help the local food pantry.
3. Educate our young people.





International Affiliates

Compartiendo un amor Internacional por la Jardinería

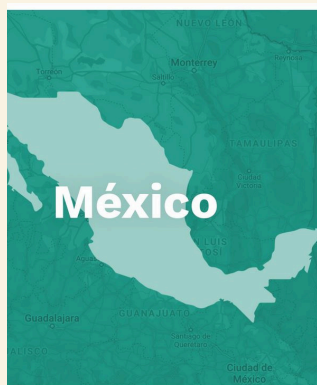
El comité internacional de clubes de jardinería conocido como COMAAI, es un grupo de NGC formado en 2001 por el ex presidente de NGC, Louis Dupre Shuster, Esther Pliego de Salinas y Gilda García de México. Entre los ex presidentes del comité de COMAAI se encuentran Sarah Lambarri de México y Cheryl Obediente de Panamá. Las siglas COMAAI en español identifican a este grupo de NGC como el Comité de Actividades de Afiliados Internacionales que representan las tres regiones internacionales de NGC de México, Centro y Sudamérica. COMAAI incluye comités de Exposición de Flores y Comités Educativos y otros comités paralelos de NGC que se reúnen durante las Convenciones de Primavera de NGC.

Para obtener una lista completa de todos los clubes de jardinería afiliados internacionales, visite: gardenclub.org/international-clubs.

Sharing an International Love of Gardening

The International garden clubs committee known as COMAAI, is an NGC group formed in 2001 by former NGC President Louis Dupre Shuster, Esther Pliego de Salinas and Gilda Garcia from Mexico. Former COMAAI committee chairman include Sarah Lambarri from Mexico and Cheryl Obediente from Panama. The initials COMAAI in Spanish identifies this NGC group as the Committee of International Affiliates Activities that represent the three international NGC regions of Mexico, Central and South America. COMAAI includes both Flower Show and Educational committees and other parallel NGC committees that meet during Spring NGC Conventions.

For a complete list of all International Affiliate Garden Clubs visit: gardenclub.org/international-clubs.




NGC Headquarters

National Garden Clubs, Inc., (NGC) is a not-for-profit educational organization headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. The headquarters building is an award-winning mid-century modern building completed in 1959. It was designed by Frederick R. Dunn, with a design that incorporates large windows to blend the interior with the surrounding gardens. The building sits adjacent to the Missouri Botanical Garden. *Weddings on Magnolia* is our event and weddings initiative.

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