

**2026 TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE  
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.  
St. Louis, Missouri  
May 4 - May 6, 2026**

# **WELCOME TO THE CONVENTION!**

<b>Monday, May 4</b>	<b>PRE-CONVENTION</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
12:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Registration & Credentials	Conference Center Entrance Foyer
12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Awards Workroom, locked	Gateway 5
8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Floral Design Workroom, locked	Gateway 1
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Vendors Set-up	Grand Suites
3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Vendors Open	Grand Suites
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Flower Show Set-up	Gateway 2
2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Flower Show Entries Received	Gateway 2
3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting	Gateway 4
5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	COMMAI Reception	Market Street Restaurant
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Early Arrivals Dinner	Ballpark 1 & 2

<b>Tuesday, May 5</b>	<b>CELBRATE ST. LOUIS DAY</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Registration & Credentials	Conference Center Entrance Foyer
8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Awards Workroom, locked	Gateway 5
8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	Floral Design Workroom, locked	Gateway 1
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Flower Show Judging. Closed to Public.	Gateway 2
8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Vendors Open	Grand Suites
8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	COMAIL Meeting	Grand Ballroom, Suites C & D
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Tours of HQ and MOBOT	
<b>8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>SHUTTLE to HQ and MOBOT OPERATING</b>	<b>Depart from Hilton Walnut Street Entrance</b>
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Seminar A: MOBOT's Rose Gardens Matthew Norman, MOBOT Rosarian	Gateway 3
	Seminar B: Missouri Native Orchids Carol Gravens, MO Advanced Master Gardener	Gateway 4
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11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	State Presidents/Regional Directors Meeting	Grand Ballroom, Suites C & D
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	KICK-OFF LUNCHEON Ryan McClure, Executive Director	Arch View Ballroom
	GATEWAY ARCH PARK FOUNDATION	
2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Flower Show Open	Gateway 2
2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Tours of HQ and MOBOT	Depart from Hilton Walnut Street Entrance
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Seminar C: 100 YEARS of MOBOT Flower Shows Pat Scace, Supervisor of Floral Display	Gateway 3
	Seminar D: MOBOT's Arid & Linnean Houses Charling Chen, Sr. Mgr. of Landscape Planning & Design	Gateway 4
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Seminar C: 100 YEARS of MOBOT Flower Shows Pat Scace, Supervisor of Foral Display	Gateway 3
	Seminar D: MOBOT's Arid & Linnean Houses Charling Chen, Sr. Mgr. of Landscape Planning & Design	Gateway 4
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Social Hour	The Grand Foyer
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Design Dinner Madelyn Hucker, Guest Designer	Arch View Ballroom

<b>Wednesday, May 6</b>	<b>AWARDS DAY: PLANT AMERICA, PLANT MISSOURI!</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Credentials Only	Conference Center Entrance Foyer
8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	Awards Workroom, locked	Gateway 5
8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	Floral Design Workroom, locked	Gateway 1
8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Vendors Open	Grand Suites
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Grand Ballroom, Salons C & D
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Seminar E: Therapeutic Horticulture Liz Byrde, MOBOT Therapeutic Horticulture Coordinator Jeanne Carbone, f/MOBOT Supervisor Ther. Horticulture	Gateway 3
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10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	NGC SCHOOLS FORUM: Learn All About the 4 Schools & What They Can Offer You! Who? When? Where? Why? Ask Schools Chairs/Representatives: Gina Jogan, Sarah McReynolds, Anna O'Kelly, Cathy Waitinas Facilitator: Connie Gladding	Gateway 4
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Flower Show Open	Gateway 2
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	KEYNOTE LUNCHEON Carol Davit, Executive Director MISSOURI PRAIRIE FOUNDATION	Arch View Ballroom
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	General Business Meeting	Grand Ballroom, Salons C & D
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Awards Rehearsal	Arch View Ballroom
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Social Hour	The Grand Foyer
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet	Arch View Ballroom