

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
#1077 NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Hilton Hotel Ballpark, St. Louis, Missouri

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026
2:53 PM CT**

Call to order and welcome: President Donna Donnelly called the ninety-fifth Convention of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 2:53 PM CT on Wednesday, May 6, 2024.

Inspiration: The Inspiration was given by Charles McLendon, NC State President.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States: Led by Danielle Brabazon, National Capital Area President.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was distributed by email prior to the meeting. The agenda was adopted as amended.

Welcome to State: Tanya Stanley, Missouri State President welcomed us to the state.

Memorial Ceremony: Wanda Zahrt, Indiana State President, presented a memorial ceremony honoring members of NGC who have passed this past year.

Preliminary Credentials Report: Lisa Hall, Credentials Chairman reported that the voting strength was 214. Report on file.

Preliminary Registration Report: Pat Wilson, Meeting Coordinator, reported that we had a total registered of 300. Report on file.

Quorum: The Chair declared a quorum present.

Adoption of Rules of the 2026 Convention: Carolyn Lowry-Nation, Parliamentarian
The rules of the 2026 Convention were approved as stated.

Report of the Committee appointed to approve the minutes of the 2025 Annual General Business Meeting - Gerianne Holzman, Chairman:
The Minutes were approved and circulated.

Committee to approve minutes: Without objection the President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of this meeting:

Suzy Andrego, 2nd Vice President, Chair
Susan Miner, 3rd Vice President
Laurie Churchill, Corresponding Secretary

Timekeepers: Without objection the President appointed Sue Bennett, PLANT AMERICA Committee and Karen Doersam, Website Liaison as timekeepers for this meeting.

Appointment of Tellers: Without objection, the President appointed Susan Pixley, Wyoming State President and Diane Greenwalt, Illinois State President to serve as tellers.

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Welcome: The President welcomed those in attendance - NGC former Presidents in attendance today: Mary Warshauer (2021-2023), Gay Austin (2019-2021), Shirley Nicolai (2011-2013), Barbara May (2007-2009), and Kitty Larkin (2005-2007). Introductions were made of those seated on the dais.

Final report of the NGC 2025 convention, Charleston, South Carolina:
Cindy Thornton, Chairman, report on file.

Reports of Elected and Appointed Officers and NGC Executive Director Bill Trapp: Reports given, are on file.

Adoption of the NGC 2026-2027 budget: Lynette Jeffres, Treasurer. This budget was sent to our Board electronically, for review, prior to the NGC Convention. **APPROVED**

Report of Special Committee for Bylaws And Standing Rules: Report on file.
Mary Warshauer, Chairman.

Reports Of Committee Chairman: Reports are on file.

- A. President's Project - PLANT AMERICA Matching Grant-Val Story
- B. Nominating Committee Chairman - Gail Manna

Invitation to the 2027 NGC Convention in Wisconsin: Maureen Gorden, Chairman

Final Credential Report: Lisa Hall, Credentials Chairman reported that the voting strength was 214. Report on file.

Final Registration Report: Pat Wilson, Meeting Coordinator, reported that PM on we had a total of 300 registered.

Adjournment: There being no further business, President Donna Donnelly declared the meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM CT.

Signed by:	
	5/20/2026
Monica Hansen, Recording Secretary	Date
Signed by:	
	7/7/2026
Donna Donnelly, President	Date
Signed by:	
	5/20/2026
Suzy Andrego, Second Vice President	Date
Signed by:	
	5/20/2026
Susan Miner, Third Vice President	Date
Signed by:	
	5/20/2026
Lauri Churchill, Corresponding Secretary	Date

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