



Welcome Anderson Creek Garden Club

March 17th, 2026



Agenda



Opening Ceremony

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Purpose
- Introduction of Board
- Member Round Table
- Business
- Program “Carvers Creek State Park”

Business Meeting

- Approval of minutes
- Financial report, Treasurer
- Membership Drive report
- Gold Star project
- Calendar of Upcoming events

Program

Welcome Carvers Creek

Q & A

Reminders

Adjourn



Opening Ceremony

Official Collect

The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc

Our Heavenly Father, who dost feed the birds and clothe the flowers and who knoweth and careth for every need of us, Thy children, so enlighten our minds to use wisely all the gifts of Thy Mighty Hand that we, being imbued with Thy Holy Spirit, may work so Thy will that those who come after may mark their path by our footsteps.

For all the beauty of the earth, Father, in Heaven, we thank Thee.

For our families, our friends, our free and beautiful country, Father in Heaven, we thank Thee.

We beseech Thee of Thy great goodness and tender mercy to forgive our sins and grant that we work together in fellowship, we may draw closer to Thee, Almighty God, in whose name we pray.

Amen

Mary Rehder Gerdes



Overview of Our Purpose



- The purpose of this club shall be: to stimulate interest in horticulture, gardens, youth gardening, and flower arranging; to encourage and improve civic planning; to cooperate in the protection of wildlife, wild flowers, and native plants; and to support the projects of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc.



- **President**
- **Janelle Babbs-Nesbit**

- **1st Vice President**
- **Julie Smolin**

- **2nd Vice President**
- **Communications/Secretary**
- **Tarrah Williams**

- **Secretary**
- **Judy Murphy**

- **Treasurer**
- **Sherry Moston**



- **Assistant Treasurer**
- **Alexis Weldon**

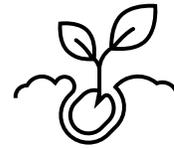
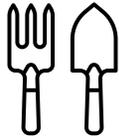
- **Membership/Programs**
- **Lee Mendicino**

- **Frank Heinrich**
- **Incoming 1st Vice President**

- **Youth Chair**
- **Rosa Heidenberg**



Members Roundtable Introductions





Let's put the fun and strategy in 2026-27



AREAS Of PRGRAMMING FOR ANNUAL Reporting two areas reported are we giving a program or are we receiving education

- Beautification
- Birds/Butterflies
- Blue Star / Gold Star Memorial Markers
- Civic Development
- Club/Council History
- Education
- Environmental Awareness
- Flower Shows/Floral Design
- Garden Therapy
- Garden related activities with YOUTH
- Horticulture/Community Gardening
- Landscape Design
- Litter Control/Recycling
- National Garden Week
- Trees/Arbor Day
- Wildflowers/Native Plants
- Youth Garden Clubs



Business Meeting



- Minutes Approval
- Treasurer Report, Alexis & Sherry
- Membership Drive 28 members, 5 new members to (2026)
- Returning member applications sent out this month, renewal due March 17th recharter \$28



Finance Report



ASSETS	YE 2025	YE 2026
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash		\$196.00
Checking Account		\$2,595.00
Total Current Assets		\$2,791.00
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LIABILITIES	YE 2025	YE 2026
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Garden Club Dues		\$364
Outstanding Check		\$10
Total Liabilities		\$374.00
Net Assets		\$2,417.00



NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME



Come grow with us!

JOIN THE ANDERSON CREEK GARDEN CLUB!

Are you passionate about gardening and the great outdoors?
Do you want to connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts in our community?

Who Can Join?
All gardening enthusiasts are welcome, regardless of experience level! Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, there is a place for you in our club.

Interested in joining:
Follow us on Facebook to stay informed of upcoming meetings and events or contact us at
andersoncreekgardenclub@gmail.com



Gold Star Memorial Progress



Anderson Creek Garden Club
350 Rolling Pines Drive
Spring Lake, NC 28390
P. 2533701757
E. andersoncreekgardenclub@gmail.com

January 12, 2026

COL K. Chad Mixon
Commander, U.S. Army Garrison – Fort Bragg
2843 Normandy Drive
Fort Bragg, NC 28304

COL K. Chad Mixon,

I, Janelle D. Babbs-Nesbit, as Board Chair of Anderson Creek Garden Club, am offering an unsolicited gift to the United States Army of a Gold Star Memorial on the condition that the Army use it to benefit Fort Bragg Servicemembers, Department of the Army and Air Force Civilians, and their Families. The gift has a total value of \$2600 and will be provided at no cost to the Army.

On behalf of the Anderson Creek Garden Club, we respectfully request permission to place a Gold Star Memorial at the corner of Nursery Road and Highway 87 on Fort Bragg property. This memorial would stand as a permanent tribute, honoring the ultimate sacrifice made by service members and their families. Our club is fully committed to installing and maintaining this marker with the utmost care, ensuring it serves as a lasting and dignified point of reflection for all who pass by this honored ground.

The placement of a Gold Star Memorial at the corner of Highway 87 and Nursery Road, near the heart of Fort Bragg, holds profound significance. It transforms a highly visible public space into a permanent, sacred site of remembrance for the fallen heroes of our nation and the Gold Star Families who bear the ultimate sacrifice. At a post like Fort Bragg, a cornerstone of American military power, this memorial serves as a crucial, solemn counterpoint—a daily reminder to the surrounding community and the soldiers who pass by that freedom is secured through profound loss. Its placement on a major artery ensures that this tribute is not hidden, but integrated into the fabric of daily life, fostering continuous reflection and honoring the enduring legacy of service and sacrifice that defines Fort Bragg and the nation it protects.

I understand that the Army will make no public announcement of this gift or in any other way endorse Anderson Creek Garden Club. Furthermore, I understand that Anderson Creek Garden Club will receive no special privileges, concessions, or consideration from the Army upon acceptance of this gift.

My point of contact for this action is the undersigned by phone at: 2533701757 or email at Janellednesbit@aol.com or andersoncreekgardenclub@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Janelle D. Babbs-Nesbit



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT BRAGG
2843 NORMANDY DRIVE
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28310-5000

27 January 2026

Ms. Janelle Babbs-Nesbit
Anderson Creek Garden Club
350 Rolling Pines Drive
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Dear Ms. Babbs-Nesbit:

Soldiers and their Families epitomize what is best about America. Their willingness to make sacrifices in order to build a better future for others and preserve our way of life is a great strength of our Nation.

Donations have a positive impact on the lives of our Soldiers and their Families. On behalf of the Installation Management Command, I am pleased to accept your gift offer of Gold Star Memorial Marker on Fort Bragg property, at the intersection of Highway 87 and Nursery Road, in Harnett County, North Carolina. We understand the value of your donation to be \$2,600.00.

This donation will benefit Soldiers and their Families who have given so much in service to our Nation.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for this very generous and thoughtful gift.

Sincerely,


K. CHAD MIXON
Colonel, U.S. Army
Garrison Commander



Gold Star Location



Nursery Rd, SR 1117 & Hwy 87



The Year
Ahead In
PROGRESS
Strategic Plan

Save the dates:

- March 17- 11:30 am meeting
- April 11- Roadside Clean-up
- April 21 – ACGC Meeting (6:00 pm)
- June 6th- ACGC EOY celebration & garden tours (proposed) time evening
- Summer Brew & Blooms 3rd Thursdays 11:30-1 @ Bunkers



Business members Meeting



Save the Dates

- SAR Meeting -Blennerhassett Hotel in Parkersburg, WV from **March 20–23, 2025**
- GCNC Annual Convention & Meeting, **MAY 17-18, 2026**
Hilton Garden Inn Greensboro-*"Growing Together Communication - Collaboration - Education"*
- National Garden Club Annual Conference- **May 4, 5, and 6, 2026-St. Louis, Missouri**
- Youth Garden Club, application is in! Rosa Heidenberg is our chair
- Gold Star Highway Project---Next step –site selection, **fundraising \$3500 GOAL**



The Garden Club of North Carolina State Meeting



SAVE THE DATE

GARDEN CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA
ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

A CELEBRATION IN BLOOM

MAY 17-18, 2026
HILTON GARDEN INN AIRPORT
238 NC HWY 68 S
GREENSBORO, NC





NGC Convention

St. Louis, MO May 4 - 6 2026



2026 Convention

St. Louis, MO--May 4 - 6 2026

Overview

2026 National Convention May 4– May 6, 2026

"Meet Me in St. Louis, Where the River Bends and The Arch Reaches the Sky!"

Registration Now Open: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

*\$100 Late Fee for Registrations After March 31, 2026
Deadline for All Registrations: April 14, 2026*

REGISTRATION POLICY

Walk-in registrations will not be accepted.

Registrations are NON-REFUNDABLE after April 14, 2026.

LATE FEE: All registrations submitted after March 31, 2026 will require an additional \$100.00 late fee.

No registrations will be accepted after the deadline of April 14, 2026.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Please reserve your accommodations directly with the **Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark** using the link below:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/51176836>

Room Rate: \$189.00 per night (single or double occupancy)

Total with taxes & fees: \$224.76 per night

Self-Parking: \$35.00 per day (in-and-out privileges)

Valet Parking: \$50.00 per day

Hotel Reservation Deadline: April 14, 2026





2026 SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION CONVENTION

March 21-22, 2026

“A Garden for All”

Convention – South Atlantic Region



Workshops

Workshop 1 Garden Therapy Sheila Rose

Content: The workshop will cover the history, models of garden therapy, and share personal experiences. Attendees will participate in a garden therapy exercise and bring home ideas for garden club activities.

Workshop 2 Make A Wreath Gary Harrison

Content: Join Gary as he teaches us the art of spring wreath design. Provided will be silk flowers, wreaths, ribbons and knowledge. Please bring a hot glue gun, scissors and wire cutters. The wreath will be the highlight of your front door for years to come. The cost of the workshop is \$50.

Workshop 3 Grow with Social Media Brandi Ross

Content: Brandi will share her passion of building community using social media with an emphasis on Facebook. She also plans to offer some tips to help increase club membership and strengthen community support. Gardening is her passion, teaching others is her mission.

- Please complete form; make checks payable to “SAR” and mail to: Ernie Simien 5229 Staunton Ave SE Charleston, WV 25304
- Email: e_simien@hotmail.com
- Phone: 713-582-7935
- Postmarked by February 27, 2026 for on time registration.
- No late registration!
- Hotel Registration All hotel registrations should be made directly with The Blennerhassett Hotel by calling 304-422-3131 or on the website <https://booktheb.com/> and by using the WV Garden Club Reservation Group ID 69793. Room Rates: Double - \$140, Traditional King - \$150, Deluxe King - \$160, Superior King \$170, Junior Suite - \$220 Hotel reservations must be made by Friday, February 20, 2026 to obtain these rates.

SAR Convention Schedule Friday,

March 20, 2026 – SAR Convention 8:00-5:00

Registration 9:00-10:00.....

SAR Finance Committee 10:00-11:00.....

SAR Exec Committee 11:15-12:15.....

SAR Lunch* No Speaker Not in package 12:30-1:30

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SAR BOD Meeting 2:30-4:30

Tea at Parkersburg Art Center (PAC) 6:00-7:00

Cocktails – Cash Bar 7:00-10:00

Dinner A Red White Blue Birthday Speaker - Becky Park – Col. Bradley

Saturday, March 21, 2026 – SAR Convention 8:00-5:00

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Registration 9:00-5:00.....

Boutique/Vendors 8:00-9:00

Breakfast 9:00-11:00.....

SAR General Session 11:30-1:30.....

SAR Award Lunch Speaker - Tara Ranson –

Membership 1:45-2:30

Workshop 1 2:30-3:15

Workshop 2 3:30-4:15

Workshop 3 6:00-7:00

Cocktails – Cash Bar 7:00-10:00.....

Vintage Design Dinner Speaker -Adam Dotson

Container Creations and Culinary Sensations

Flower Power and Flavor!

Two workshops combine the focus on flowers and edible plants, encouraging attendees to enhance both aesthetics and flavor in their gardens

Taste the Garden-- Emphasize the Garden-Fresh Power Bowls and the connection between gardening and healthy eating!

Power Bowl class provided by Shannon Adcock Extension Family and Consumer Sciences

Flower containers, potting soil, amendments, and plants will be provided. The cost for all is \$20





March Program

Carvers Creek State Park



HIKING GUIDE
CARVERS CREEK
FAYETTEVILLE, NC



TO
TRAILS



This former winter estate of James Stillman Rockefeller was named by Robert Wall Christian who pioneered scientific farming methods here from 1914-1927. The 1,240-acre farm was purchased in 1927 as part of the Rockefeller family's Overhills estate. The Rockefeller House, built in 1938, overlooks the 100-acre McDiarmid Millpond which was created around 1850. While Long Valley was a private retreat for Mr. Rockefeller, its livestock and crops supported many tenant farmers and their families. Donated by the Nature Conservancy to the State of North Carolina in 2010, this site opened to all as part of Carvers Creek State Park in 2013.



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Power Bowl class provided by Shannon Adcock Extension Agent

Hands on flower pot, soil and amendments and 5-6 flowers **thrillers, fillers, and spillers** concept with information to make summer containers for all summer blooming porch arrangements



General Program Resource Links



- <https://harnett.ces.ncsu.edu/horticulture-resources/>
- <https://harnett.ces.ncsu.edu/categories/lawn-garden/extension-master-gardener-volunteers/>
- <https://extensiongardener.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook/>
- [Herbaceous Ornamentals | NC State Extension Publications](#)
- [Ensuring Long-Term Viability of your Forest Resources](#)
- [Find a Plant | North Carolina Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox](#)
- [Carvers Creek State Park: Home | NC State Parks](#)
- [Andersoncreekgardenclub.org](https://andersoncreekgardenclub.org)



QR Code for Plant NCSU Plant Tool Box



**Home | North Carolina
Extension Gardener Plant
Toolbox**

plants.ces.ncsu.edu



Meeting Questions



- Q & A Session



Closing Remarks Adjournment



- ❖ March 17th 11 am, Carvers Creek State Park here
- ❖ April 11th Roadside Clean-up
- ❖ April 21st 6 pm
Power Bowl Class & Thrillers Fillers & Spillers for your front porch
- ***Meeting at Harnett County Extension, 126 Alexander Drive, Lillington, NC**
- ❖ **2026 -27 Youth involvement, Prek, Western Harnett FFA, Anderson Creek Charter & Day Care
- ❖ ** Gold Star fundraising memorial announcement coming soon



QR Code for ACGC Facebook Page



Facebook, follow us #Andersoncreekgardenclub



<https://www.facebook.com/share/1ELzoXjKhD/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



- Website

- Source: Anderson Creek Garden Club
- <https://andersoncreekgardenclub.org/>
- Membership application is on site
- [ACGC membership application](#)

