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2026-2027 CALENDAR

2026

- Sept 17 National Virtual Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO
[Zoom] 1PM CST
- Sept 22 [GCNC Fall Board of Directors Meeting](#), HQ -
Raleigh, NC

2027

- April 15-17 [SAR Convention](#) – Bowling Green, KY
- May 13-15 [National Convention](#) – Madison, WI
- May 23-25 GCNC Annual Meeting - Wilmington, NC

GCNC DISTRICT MEETINGS - 2026

2026 WITH OFFICERS

<u>District</u>	<u>Date</u>
District 4	Oct 7
District 5	Oct 6
District 10	Oct 8
District 11	Oct 13

2026 WITHOUT OFFICERS

<u>District</u>	<u>Date</u>
District 1-2	no mtg
District 3	Oct 7
District 8	Oct 1st
District 9	Oct 24
District 12	no mtg

GCNC STATE MEEETINGS ROTATION

ANNUAL MEETING

- *2027—District 11
2028—District 3
*2029—District 8
2030—District 9
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- *2031—District 10
2032—District 12
*2033—District 1-2
2034—District 4

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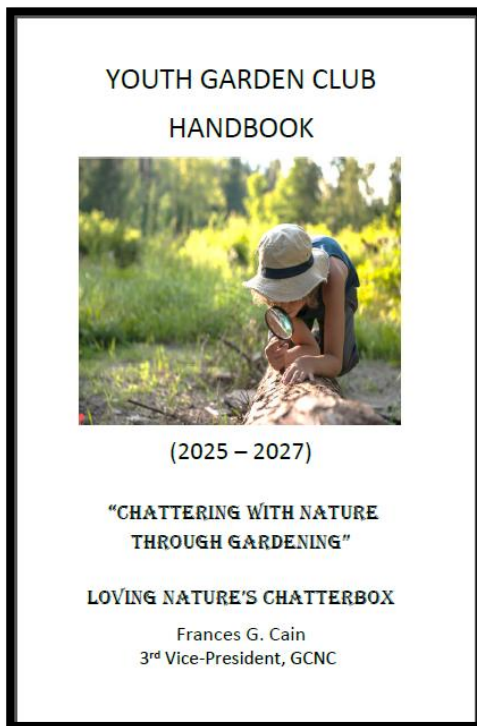
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2026 MASLIN WINNER – LINDA MCLENDON



The Maslin Award honors individuals whose service has significantly advanced the objectives of our organization through sustained, dedicated involvement. Linda McLendon's contributions clearly meet and exceed these criteria. Her leadership, collaborative spirit, and long-term commitment have strengthened our programs, enriched our membership, and furthered the mission of The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. Throughout her years of

membership, Linda has demonstrated unwavering dedication to advancing the mission of The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. through meaningful service at the local, district, State, SAR and National levels. Her involvement has been both consistent and impactful, marked by a willingness to lead, to collaborate, and to support initiatives that strengthen our organization and broaden its influence across the state. Linda has service with distinction on numerous committees and has actively supported state projects that promote education, conservation, and civic improvement. Her leadership style is inclusive and thoughtful, encouraging open communication and fostering cooperation among members. She has been especially effective in bringing people together, ensuring that projects are not only completed successfully but also serve as opportunities for growth, learning, and fellowship.

One of Linda's greatest strengths is her commitment to education and mentorship. She has generously shared her knowledge and experience, guiding new members and encouraging continued participation at the district and state levels. Her efforts have helped cultivate informed, engaged members who understand the importance of service beyond the local club and who are inspired to assume leadership roles themselves.

In addition to her organizational contributions, Linda exemplifies the personal qualities that distinguish an outstanding Garden Club member. She approaches every responsibility with professionalism, integrity, and enthusiasm. Her positive attitude, reliability, and genuine concern for others have earned her the respect and admiration of her peers. Linda consistently leads by example, reinforcing the values and standards of The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. in all that she does.

HUZZAH!!

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2007	Marjorie O’Keeffe, Raleigh
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2009	Sara Floyd Brooks, Whiteville
2010	Lila Petersen, Austin, Texas
2011	Alta Kornegay, Warsaw
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2016	Carolyn Augustine, Wilmington
2017	Ginny Parker, Raleigh
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2020	Susan Hooper, Charlotte
2021	Sandra Snapp, Chocowinity
2022	Brenda Crocker, Rocky Mount
2023	Maggie Larson, Cary
2024	Cathy Franklin-Griffin, Connelly Springs
2025	Bess Treadwell, Raleigh
2026	Linda McLendon, Dudley

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA

OUR GARDENS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

THE ELIZABETHAN GARDENS

The Elizabethan Gardens is a 10.5 acre public garden location within the Fort Raleigh National Historic site adjacent to the Waterside Theatre nestled near North Carolina's Outer Banks in Manteo, N. C. The Elizabethan Gardens, Inc., is a subsidiary of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. Founded and supported by the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., the gardens are one of the finest examples of the Elizabethan era and noticeably featured in landscape books and calendars. The Elizabethan Gardens is a tribute to the first English colonists in the New World at the site of the original settlement. The Gardens contain over 500 different species of plants. Featured collections include hydrangeas, camellias, historic herbs and a wide variety of native coastal species. The gardens are open to the public year-round, seven days a week except for certain holidays. For more specific information about programs, directions, tours and other events, you may visit the website at www.elizabethangardens.org.

MARTHA FRANCK FRAGRANCE GARDEN

This unique 1.1 acre garden is on the campus of the Governor Morehead School for the Blind , in Raleigh, and has been a cooperative project between the school and The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. since 1960. It is used as an outdoor classroom that allows visually impaired students and those with multiple physical challenges to experience scent, sound, and touch. Signage and labeling throughout the garden is done in Braille or raised letters. In 1997, The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. designated the Martha Franck Garden as its official South Atlantic Region United States Project. Because the garden is located on the grounds of the Morehead School for the Blind, garden visitors must stop by the office for a visitor's pass.

THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WILDFLOWER PROGRAM

In addition to support for public gardens across the state, the Garden Club of North Carolina was instrumental in assisting with the initiation of highway beautification through the N. C. DOT Wildflower Program. For more than 30 years, the program has enhanced the overall appearance and environmental quality of the state's highways. Wildflower beds are installed and maintained across the state by Roadside Environmental personnel in each of the 14 highway divisions. GCNC is the lead sponsor

of the Wildflower Program and continues its support by sponsoring and judging the Annual Awards competition in which NCDOT districts vie for the best looking flower beds in each region , as well as the best overall highway division wildflower program. Additional information about the NCDOT Wildflower Program, along with a PDF booklet identifying plants used can be found at www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/wildflower/Pages/default.aspx)

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LIST OF PRIORITIES INCLUDE:

- Climate Change
- Protect Land and Water Sustainably
- Build Healthy Cities
- Provide Food and Water for Wildlife

DANIEL BOONE NATIVE GARDENS

The Daniel Boone Native Gardens, located in Boone, N.C., contain an outstanding collection of native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers displayed in an informal landscape design. The many plant varieties in the gardens provide a progression of blooms throughout the growing season.

Opened in 1963, the mission of the gardens is to protect and conserve plants in addition to educating visitors about native plants of North Carolina. The gardens focus on wildflowers, ferns and trees. The Daniel Boone Native Gardens is a volunteer organization and is located at 651 Horn In The West Drive, Boone, North Carolina. Open from May to October. A suggested donation of \$2.00 for adults is appreciated; children under 16 are free. For more specific information on programs, directions , tours and other events, you may visit the website at www.danielboonenativegardens.org.

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2025-2026



**In Honor and Memory of
those who have contributed
much to our lives and to our
gardens.**

IN MEMORY OF:

Catie Matlack
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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 the gifts of Thy Mighty Hand, that we, being imbued with Thy Holy Spirit, may so work Thy will that those who come after may mark their path by our footsteps.

For 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 as we work together in fellowship we may draw closer To Thee, Almighty God, in whose name we pray.

Marie Rehder Gerdes



When you join a local federated Garden Club, you are a member of a large organization, National Garden Clubs, Inc., South Atlantic Region Garden Clubs, Inc., North Carolina Federated Garden Clubs, Inc., Your District, and your local Club. Together we can achieve more.

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