

# Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc. (EGC) Membership Form

2025-2026

[www.edelweissgardenclub.org](http://www.edelweissgardenclub.org)

## For Club Use

Amt. \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Roster \_\_\_\_ File \_\_\_\_

Make check to EGC (\$6.00) and return to Edelweiss Garden Club, Membership Chair, P.O. Box 264, Gaylord, Michigan 49734-0264 by June 1 or bring to the next meeting.

Questions? [edelweissgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:edelweissgardenclub@gmail.com) How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For club year June 1 through May 31.

Membership Type ☐ New ☐ Renewal

**Active and Associate Dues: \$6.00** (Covers National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. dues) Membership Descriptions are on this document Page 3)

☐ Active (Full Time Resident) ☐ Active (Part Time, Summer Friend)

☐ Active (Business, Employed, Family Manager) ☐ Associate

### Non-dues:

☐ Honorary ☐ Emeritus ☐ Emeritus (with \$6.00 dues for National and Michigan Garden Clubs membership)

### Membership Information for Yearbook:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code +4 \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: MM/DD (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Providing your email allows EGC to send you monthly announcements, special notices and electronic newsletters.

### For renewals, please verify

existing information in the Yearbook.

Check a box if you are a:

☐ Master Gardener

☐ NGC Gardening, Landscape, or  
Environmental Consultant (circle)

☐ NGC Flower Show Judge

Check one:

☐ I hereby grant the EGC to use my name and/or photograph in publications (announcements and newsletters) and other written materials, on its website or in news releases to the media.

☐ I do not grant the EGC the right to use my name and/or photograph.

### Experience you would like to contribute to EGC:

☐ Book Keeping/Accounting ☐ Fundraising ☐ Social Media ☐ Canva

☐ Writing/Public Relations ☐ Photography ☐ Other Board Experience ☐ Willing to serve on the Board?

☐ Previous Garden Club Member : Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CLUB COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED AND ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Community Gardening

*Time commitment April-Beginning of May -October (5 hours overall in one of nine gardens. If you live outside the Gaylord area, we do not expect you to pull our weeds!*

Choose location:

- ☐ Otsego County Courthouse (East, Center and West)
  - ☐ Otsego County Sportsplex Energy Outlet Quarter Mile Walking Track (Native Plant, Daisy, Lilac and Hydrangea, Hosta, Memorial and Entrance) Daffodil Walk held here.
  - ☐ Other recognized Community Garden partnering with another public or non-profit organization:
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- ☐ I am unable to work in a garden due to medical, work schedule, live outside of Gaylord or other, but, will serve on a committee below.

### ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (Choose one)

- ☐ **Spring Houseplant Social** ( April 2 Saturday 9-Noon Otsego County Library)
- ☐ **Gaylord in Bloom** Residential and Business Front Yard Awards (The week before Alpenfest which is being held July . Members will work as teams with other club members, neighbors and friends to judge on assigned streets. (3-5 hours to walk a neighborhood or drive by, and can be done over several days' time.)

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- ☐ **Archive and Preserve Historical Records** - Inventory, scan some contents for website and pre-prepare documents for permanent location Otsego County Library - Archive Room.
- ☐ **Audit and Banking** Review records, bank statements and receipts.
- ☐ **Awards and Grants** - Work with Board to identify and write annual State Award applications/Grants.
- ☐ **Canva** Design Facebook advertisements for upcoming events using the Canva program.
- ☐ **Coffee** - When Meetings are held at the Library, make coffee before meeting and clean up after and arrange snacks if needed. Can volunteer for month of choice.
- ☐ **Creative Team** All Members are welcome to our periodic casual meetings to discuss ideas and objectives.
- ☐ **Event Storage** - Signs, Club Information Poster boards for Events
- ☐ **Fundraising Committee** - Recommend ideas to the Club for 2026.
- ☐ **Gardens Supervisor** - Periodically check on gardens, makes recommendations.
- ☐ **Host a Garden Tour or Event at your home.**
- ☐ **Hospitality** - Greeters at Meetings. (We need two at each meeting.)
- ☐ **Mentoring** - Go over Membership materials with new members. Be available for questions.
- ☐ **Monthly e-Blasts (Newsletters)** - Work with Creative Team Members to provide up to date information on club activities and events, education and projects.
- ☐ **Photography** - Take pictures of gardens and events for publicity on website, social media and history.
- ☐ **Program and Speakers** - Contact speakers, greet, assist with special set-ups and introduce Speaker to Club. Members may share these duties with other members on the committee.
- ☐ **Social Media (Facebook)** - Send out information for all club events including meetings.
- ☐ **Website** - Update the website as needed.

**INTRODUCE YOURSELF** Write a brief background summary, reasons for joining, experiences and skills and how you would like to contribute and participate. (May use back of sheet if necessary.)

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. **ACTIVE (Full Time Resident)** Shall be limited to those who pay their annual dues and share fully in the activities of EGC, Inc. Active Members are expected to attend a minimum of five (5) monthly meetings and shall have full voting rights.
2. **ACTIVE (Part Time Resident)** A Member who is unable to fulfill the yearly meeting attendance requirements due to living part of the year in a distant location. Part Time Residents are required to attend a minimum of three (3) monthly meetings, pay dues and shall have the full voting rights and responsibilities of an Active Member.
3. **ACTIVE (Business, Employed, Household Manager)** A Member who has limited ability to attend monthly meetings due to their work schedule or home responsibilities, but, supports the objectives of the club through gardening duties and committee work. (This person may hold office in a flexible position in lieu of a committee requirement.) This is a dues and voting membership category.
4. **ASSOCIATE** A Member who meets all Active Member requirements, but is unable to perform gardening duties due to medical or extenuating circumstances. A member may make a written request to the First Vice President, Membership Chairperson for change of status. This is a dues and voting membership category. An Associate Member may hold office.

## NON-MEMBERS OR PREVIOUS ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

5. **HONORARY** A Non-Member recognized for their outstanding contribution to EGC, Inc.'s objectives. An Honorary Member shall have none of the obligations of membership in the club, but, will have all of the privileges except those of making motions, voting, holding office or payment of dues. This status is approved by vote of the EGC, Inc. membership.
6. **EMERITUS** A Member who held a previous membership status and has rendered notable service to the Club. An Emeritus Member will have all rights and privileges of members except voting, making motions and shall have no dues obligations. This status is approved by vote of the EGC, Inc. membership.
  - An Emeritus Member may elect to pay Michigan and National Garden Clubs, Inc. dues to maintain consultant and flower show judge credentials; and/or to attend meetings, schools and conferences.
  - If the status of an Emeritus member changes such that the individual meets the requirements for Active Membership, voting rights may be restored by action of the Executive Board.
  - Emeritus members for whom voting rights have been restored shall continue to retain their Emeritus standing.