



EGC Membership Application

2026-2027

For Club Use

Amt. ____ # ____

Roster ____ File ____

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

Questions? <https://edelweissgardenclub.org/> How did you hear about us? _____

Name: _____

Membership Type ☐ New ☐ Renewal

For club year June 1 through May 31.

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

☐ Bookkeeping/Accounting ☐ Fundraising ☐ Social Media ☐ Canva ☐ Excel

☐ 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

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Name _____

Community Gardening (Beautification)

*If you live outside Otsego County, we don't expect you to travel to weed! However, every member is still required to be affiliated with one of our **eleven** gardens and contribute in a way that supports that garden's success. Each varies in size and maintenance.*

Select one or more locations:

- ☐ **Otsego County Courthouse** (East, Center or West)
- ☐ **Otsego County Courthouse** Cannon Historical Marker
- ☐ **Otsego County Courthouse** Veteran's Memorial Raised Planter Boxes
- ☐ **Otsego County Sportsplex Energy Outlet Quarter Mile Walking Track** (Native Plant, Daisy, Lilac and Hydrangea, Hosta, Memorial or Entrance). The Daffodil Walk is held here.
- ☐ **I am unable to work in a garden** due to medical, family, live outside of Otsego County, or other circumstances, but, will chair or serve on a committee below.

Community Service Projects

Select at least one or more.

- ☐ **Gaylord in Bloom Awards** This Edelweiss Garden Club signature event features Residential and Business Front Yard Awards, beginning two weeks before Alpen Fest in July. Members team up to judge assigned streets, by walking or driving neighborhoods, which takes about 3–5 hours and can be completed over several days. This encourages "Keeping Gaylord Beautiful" and is in its 5th year
- ☐ **Seed Saving** Collect seeds for annual stocking of Library Seed card catalog.
- ☐ **Spring Houseplant Social** (Wednesday, March 11 Otsego County Library.) Open to the community to share and swap houseplants as well as related supplies.
- ☐ **Trunk Perennial Plant Swap** Scheduled spring and fall in parking lot after events. Trade bulbs, rhizomes, seeds, thinned perennials, garden decorations, tools, magazines, books, and other garden related items.

Club Operations and Support

(Select as many that interest you.)

- ☐ **Archive & Historical Records** Inventory, scan, and prepare materials for permanent storage at the Otsego County Library.
- ☐ **Audit and Banking** Review records, statements and receipts; file annual IRS 990 and Michigan LARA reports.
- ☐ **Awards and Grants** Assist with identifying and preparing award and grant applications.
- ☐ **Canva** Create Facebook and event graphics using Canva
- ☐ **Communications** Share club news, events, and educational updates online and partner organizations.
- ☐ **Creative Team** Join casual meetings to brainstorm ideas and club initiatives.
- ☐ **Environment** Provide brief educational tips or resources on environmental topics.
- ☐ **Fundraising** Suggest ideas for Club fundraising in 2026 & 2027.
- ☐ **Gardens Supervisor** Periodically check gardens, makes recommendations.
- ☐ **Host a Garden Tour or Event at your home** Welcome members to your garden for tour or gathering.
- ☐ **Hospitality** Greet members at meetings, prepare coffee/beverages or provide light refreshments, tidy after.
- ☐ **Mentoring** Review membership materials with new members and answer questions.
- ☐ **Photography** Photograph gardens and events for publicity and club history.
- ☐ **Program and Speakers** Assist with contacting speakers, greeting them, and helping with set up.
- ☐ **Public Relations/Marketing** Help share club activities with local media and community partners.
- ☐ **Social Media Committee** Design and support Facebook and Website updates.
- ☐ **Sunshine** Sends cards as needed.
- ☐ **Yearbook** Type, organize, and update annual program information and membership roster

INTRODUCE YOURSELF Tell us a little about your background, why you joined and how you'd like to contribute.