
GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA



SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026



GARDEN PARTY FAQ'S & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR DETAILS

Tour Time:

9:30 – 4:00, RAIN or SHINE

Number of Gardens per Day:

Ticket holders can visit more than 7 gardens, if the distance permits

Can a Host Garden Club offer more than 7 gardens?

Clubs can feature more than 7 gardens

Is the \$25 ticket good for both days?

The \$25 ticket buys 2 wristbands, one for each Saturday, covers statewide access.

Ticket Sales

How to Purchase?

Purchase tickets through GCFP website. Pagardenclubs.org > 2026 GCFP Garden Party
January 6, 2026, until June 6, 2026.

Online: Use PayPal. Be sure to include the Host Club name on the form

By Mail: Print the form, complete and mail check. Include Host Club name for sales credit

Wristband Delivery:

Confirmation via USPS includes:

- 2 wristbands (1 for each Saturday) Must be worn for entry
- List of statewide gardens on the tour

Award Money:

Highest Ticket Sales:

Small Garden Clubs – Up to 50 members

1 st Place	\$1,000
2 nd Place	\$ 750
3 rd Place	\$ 500

Large Garden Clubs - 51+ Members

1 st Place	\$1,000
2 nd Place	\$ 750
3 rd Place	\$ 500

Ticket Sales Registrar, Connie Burnley, Burnleycs@verizon.net

TOUR BOOKLETS

Content: Arranged by area - Address, photo, brief description of each garden, map, ads

Map: Each Host Club should provide a PDF map by **February 1, 2026** to Tour Booklet Editor Marilyn Small. Mmsmall@comcast.net

Availability: Tour booklets will be available for all ticket holders at the 2026 GCFP Convention (April 25-27, Erie, PA) and GCFP Board meeting (June 8-9, 2026, Boalsburg)

*Each hosting club should arrange for a representative to pick up the booklets.

Ad Sales: Critical for success. **Ad forms and solicitation letters** available on GCFP website. Solicitation letter is in a Word doc for easy customization. All ads and money due by Feb 1, 2026
Ad Sales Chair, Marj Sears. Searsmarj@gmail.com

Award Money for Highest Ad Revenue:

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Each club will receive tour booklets for the number of tickets sold plus extras for additional ticket sales.

HOST GARDEN CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

Club Liaison and Club Ad Coordinator

Identify these positions **No later than September 30, 2026**

Provide contact info to Garden Party Chair, Nancy Cuttic, Ncuttic@comcast.net

Club Liaison = Communicates with Garden Party Chair and Committee

Ad Coordinator = Manage Ad sales for the club and avoid duplicate solicitations

Homeowners/Host Duties

Provide water/snacks for guests

At least **2 hosts per garden**

Work in shifts

Wear identifying nametag or something to distinguish hosts

A **Homeowner letter** is available on the GCFP website to provide to garden owners.

The **Host Club Responsibilities** document will be sent to each Host Club Liaison once they have been identified.

HELPFUL HINTS

Partner with neighboring clubs if your club is short on gardens and staffing

Partner with local landscapers/hardscape companies. They have worked on beautiful properties. Offer for them to advertise or be present to answer questions. It's a win-win.

If you are featuring a public garden, consider offering something extra that the general public would not normally encounter such as an expert guest, a local celebrity, access to an area not available to the general public, special giveaways, etc.

Deadlines and Important Dates

September 30, 2025:

- Host Garden Club Commitment
- 6 – 7 Gardens Identified
- Host Club Liaison identified
- Host Club Ad Coordinator identified

October 30, 2025

- Photo of each garden submitted
- Brief description of each garden submitted

January 6, 2026 – June 6, 2026

- Ticket sales

February 1, 2026

- Ad forms and payment due

April 25 – 27, 2026 – GCFP Convention

- Tour booklets available for pick up

June 8 -9, 2026 – GCFP Board Meeting

- Tour booklets available for pick up

Saturday, June 20 and 27, 2026

- Show off your beautiful gardens and have a wonderful time at the Garden Party!