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A MESSAGE FROM GCFP PRESIDENT PAT WOLANSKI

"Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul."

~ Henry Ward Beecher

Over the past several months, I have enjoyed traveling across Pennsylvania to visit our districts and clubs. These visits have brought me together with dedicated gardeners and reminded me that our greatest resource is our members. The Annual District Meeting tour gave me a firsthand warmth, enthusiasm, and dedication of our members, and I am so grateful for the welcome we received everywhere we went.

One of this year's most exciting developments is Plant Pennsylvania, a program that helps our clubs make a positive difference throughout the Commonwealth. Through grants and shared support, clubs can pursue projects they may never have thought possible before. Plant Pennsylvania is being strengthened from support from within our Federation as well as generous contributions from individuals outside our organization who believe in the promise of this program. Their support is helping to build the grant fund so that future awards can grow and provide even more opportunities for our members. This is only the beginning. As the fund grows, so will the possibilities for larger grants and more ambitious projects in the years ahead.

The response to our first grant opportunity was truly exciting. With only a month's notice, we received 12 applications, and 5 recipients were selected. Our next grant awards will take place in October 2027, when we hope to have more funds available to support even more meaningful projects. What an exciting beginning for Plant Pennsylvania!

Our October Board meeting was another reminder of the energy and dedication within GCFP. The day before our meeting, the rain held out, and 20 of us enjoyed a wonderful guided tour of the Penn State Arboretum, led by a very knowledgeable guide who brought the gardens to life.

The Board meeting the next day gave us the opportunity to hear reports from our District Directors, committee chairs, and officers, each reflecting the creativity and commitment of our members. We ended the day with dinner and a fun, educational Plant Bingo, reminding us that while we take our responsibilities seriously, there is always room for friendship and laughter.

I encourage you to continue taking advantage of the many programs and opportunities GCFP offers – from Sprouts & Seedlings and Healing Art to our gardens and educational programs. When our clubs participate and support one another, we strengthen not only our individual clubs but our Federation as a whole.

November reminds us to pause and give thanks. I am especially grateful for the members who quietly do the work—those who plant, teach, organize, volunteer, write the checks, welcome new members and encourage others to become involved. Much of what makes our Federation strong happens without fanfare.

May we continue to plant, nurture, and leave Pennsylvania a little more beautiful than we found it as we continue Making our Keystone a Gemstone.

As always - celebrating nature with you,

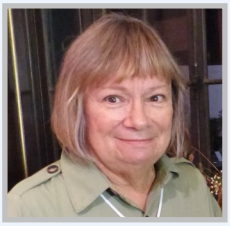
Pat

GCFP President 2025-2027

2026 DISTRICT FORGET-ME-NOT AWARD RECIPIENTS

These long-standing members were honored at their District Meetings.
Their dedication to their club and community service make our organization special.

District I - MARYANN DeSANTO
Garden Club of Springfield



A 12-year member, Maryann exemplifies outstanding leadership, service, and commitment. She has served as Ways & Means Co-Chair, Vice President, Program Chair, and President (2016–2020). She currently chairs Leiper House Decorating, Horticulture Therapy, co-chairs Design, organizes fundraisers, educational programs, floral workshops, and therapeutic activities. Her community service includes Arbor Day, community garden maintenance, Harvest Festival events, and plant sale activities. At the district level, she served as Assistant Director and Director, and helped to plan the 2022 GCFP convention in Malvern. Since 2013, she has volunteered at the District I Longwood Flower Show. As GCFP Horticulture Therapy Chair, she leads workshops statewide and generously shares her gardening expertise.

DISTRICT II/III - THERESA EVANS
Hazleton Area Garden Club



Theresa has been a member of the Hazleton Area Garden Club for 24 years and served as president from 2021–2022. She has chaired the Friendship Committee, sending birthday, get-well, and sympathy cards to members. Through Brandon's Forever Home, she teaches foster children the joys of gardening and plant care. Theresa also works with Girl Scouts through the Sprouts & Seedlings program and participates in Senior Horticulture Therapy visits to local senior living facilities. A natural salesperson, she actively supports club fundraisers and hosted a garden tour showcasing her passion for gardening. Theresa warmly welcomes and guides new members, making her a vital and valued part of our club.

DISTRICT IV - CONNIE HOLLAND
Gettysburg Garden Club



Connie joined the Gettysburg Garden Club in 2008 and has provided 18 years of exceptional leadership and service. She has served as Newsletter Editor, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. As Horticulture Chair, her extensive horticultural knowledge has enriched club programs, publications, and the annual Perennial Plant Sale, where she has donated hundreds of plants. She improved the Christmas Greens and Gourmet Gifts sales, increasing their quality and profitability, and contributed to the club's 2011 and 2018 NGC Standard Flower Shows awards. Connie has served District IV in horticulture leadership, received the Exceptional Horticulturist Award, and generously shares her expertise throughout the region.

DISTRICT V—ROSEANN VARNER
Standing Stone Garden Club

Roseann has been a valued club member in good



standing for more than 26 years. She demonstrates consistent leadership, service, and enthusiasm for horticulture through regular participation, programming ideas, horticulture presentations, and horticulture enrichment. She has helped organize club flower shows and encourages continued participation. Roseann also serves on the District V Board and actively promotes the values of GCFP, CAR-SGC, and NGC. A generous and dependable member, she supports fellow members and community beautification efforts in Huntingdon. She shares her garden, provides unique plant cuttings, and donates plants to the annual spring plant sale. Her dedication and generosity exemplify the spirit of the Forget-Me-Not Award.

2025 DISTRICT FORGET-ME-NOT RECIPIENTS Continued

DISTRICT VI—BARB CEREROVICH
Indiana Garden Club



Barb Cererovich is truly deserving of the Forget-Me-Not Award for her unwavering dedication, generosity, and selfless service to the Indiana Garden Club. For ten years, she has been a dependable member who willingly steps forward whenever help is needed, approaching every task with enthusiasm and kindness. As May Mart Vendor Coordinator, Barb devoted countless hours recruiting vendors, coordinating logistics, and ensuring the event's success. She also spearheaded the annual yearbook update and previously chaired the Newsletter Committee, keeping members informed and connected. Barb actively supports community beautification projects and generously opens her home, garage, and resources for club activities. Humble and dependable, she exemplifies the spirit of this award.

District VII - ELEANOR CHODELKA
Pucketos Garden Club



For over 25 years, Eleanor Chodelka has been an active, constructive, and dedicated member of Pucketos Garden Club. A "power behind the throne," she has served in roles from President to Social Chairperson. For countless years, Eleanor opened and secured the church for meetings, prepared coffee and tea, and helped members use the kitchen. She volunteered in planting and caring for two community gardens and participated in Arbor Day, Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear poster contests, and tree plantings involving JROTC and elementary students. She also supported District VII and served as District Awards Chair. Eleanor promotes GCFP, CAR-SGC, and NGC values by welcoming others to gardening and environmental activities and generously sharing her plants with members.

District VIII - DEBBIE BERNARDINI
Lawrence Park Garden Club



Debbie is a devoted member of the Lawrence Park Garden Club, where she has served as President, Vice President, and chaired numerous committees. A PSCE Master Gardener since 2016, she currently serves as Vice President of the Erie County Council of Garden Clubs. She is deeply engaged in youth education, encouraging students through the Sprouts & Seedlings program. Debbie has also delivered several presentations on Square Foot Gardening to local garden clubs, the Home & Garden Show, and most notably at the GCFP 2026 *"MystERIE by the Bay"* State Convention in Erie, Pennsylvania. Debbie is a highly valued asset to all her organizations, especially GCFP District VIII.

DISTRICT IX - SUE SEMPLE
Shaler Garden Club



Sue has demonstrated exceptional leadership, service, and commitment to GCFP and the Shaler Garden Club. During her years with Greybrooke Garden Club, she served two terms as District IX Director, held several district and GCFP leadership roles, and co-chaired the 2020 GCFP Annual Convention, overseeing registration and extensive planning before its cancellation due to COVID-19. Her dedication earned her the 2020 State Perennial Bloom Award. Since joining Shaler Garden Club in 2015, Sue has served as Parliamentarian and Treasurer, chaired the Finance and Audit Committee, and provided invaluable guidance on governance, bylaws, and financial stewardship. She has also contributed significantly to technology, communications, major events, and community outreach. Sue established a certified Pennsylvania Pollinator Friendly Habitat, supported educational programs, and promoted native plants. Her integrity, professionalism, generosity, and unwavering commitment make her exceptionally deserving of this award.

2025 DISTRICT FORGET-ME-NOT RECIPIENTS Continued

District X - CATHY WELLS
Martha Washington Garden Club



Kathy is a 25-year member and our longtime computer, technology, printing, art, layout, and virtual meeting expert. She creates programs for our club and has presented programs at Citizens Library in Washington. Kathy promotes our club at the fairgrounds, sharing information with her trademark sweet smile, and keeps us on track—especially when it comes to history! She is always a dedicated garden club advocate. Kathy created a memorial apple orchard in her yard in memory of her late husband, Jim. Her persistence in securing a Blue Star Marker honoring Washington's many veterans will result in its placement near the front street at our train station in spring 2027. She also played an integral role in restoring the "wild" half of our train garden. Kathy has given our club so much to remember and appreciate.

District XI - DOROTHY STEVENS
Old York Road Garden Club



Dorothy has been the heartbeat of our club for decades, exemplifying service, leadership, mentorship, and dedication. A former club president, she continues her invaluable behind-the-scenes leadership as Yearbook Chair. As an NGC Lifetime Accredited Judge and Horticulture Chair, Dorothy organizes monthly flower shows, transports supplies, and patiently teaches members how to enter specimens and participate in judging. She coordinates the annual Memorial Tree Planting at Briar Bush Nature Center and manages the club's partnership with Abington Free Library, providing fresh flowers and plants. A talented musician, author, artist, and former piano teacher, Dorothy's generosity and lifelong commitment make her truly deserving of the Forget-Me-Not Award.

2026 EXCEPTIONAL HORTICULTURISTS

JoAnn Celaschi, Valley GC, X

Congratulations to the following members who were named as their District's Exceptional Horticulturists and honored at their district's annual meeting. Their names will be placed in the Honor Roll of Exceptional Horticulturists on the GCFP website.

District I

Helene Reid, Uwchlan Garden Club

District IV

Ember S. Jandebeur, Penn-Cumberland GC
Kim Keesee, The Garden Club of York
Pam Neidig, Penn-Cumberland Garden Club
Lori Pancione, Town and Country GC of Lancaster

District VI

Emily Hixon, Indiana Garden Club

District VII

Linda McCune, Murrysville Garden Club
Linda Phelps, The Garden Club of Forest Hills

District IX

Carol Papas, Fox Chapel Garden Club
Rosemary Romboski, Southern Butler County GC
Deb Young, Kennedy Garden Club

District X

Teresa Lodico, Pleasant Hills Garden Club
Carole Malmgren, Martha Washington GC
Kathleen Petruska, Garden Club of Munhall

District XI

Beverly Gross-Spencer, Our Garden Club of Philadelphia and Vicinity
Linda Morales, Old York Road Garden Club
Nancy Sliner, Norristown Garden Club

October 5-6, 2026, Board Meeting

Leadership, Learning, and Fellowship

More than 60 board members convened at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Boalsburg for the October Board Meeting.

The meetings were preceded by a guided tour of the Arboretum at Penn State on Sunday. After winding through the creative and engaging children's section, we enjoyed beautiful views, gardens, landscapes, and water features. The tour provided an inspiring start to several days of fellowship, learning, and productive planning.

Monday began with special committee meetings, with the general meeting in the afternoon. The evening offered a festive Halloween-themed dinner, complete with "treat bag" favors and fall centerpieces. Following dinner, members enjoyed a horticultural twist on bingo, with plant species on the bingo cards in place of traditional numbers. Several lucky winners took home lovely prizes.

The meetings concluded on Tuesday morning with the announcement of the Plant Pennsylvania grant recipients. (See Page 9.)





District Directors with Red, White, and Blue Gardens certificates for their clubs.



Arboretum Tour Group

CAR-SGC CONFERENCE

October 19-20, 2026 | Independence, OH



Front: Mary Hetrick, Pat Wolanski, Gail Manna. Middle: Leeanna Ryba, Barbara Campbell, Judy Morley, Joyce Peterson. Back: Sheila Croushore, Susan Glassmoyer, Angie Raitano, Iris Cisarik, Margie Wolff

Twelve GCFP members traveled to the Cleveland area to attend the two-day CAR-SGC Conference, enjoying a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, education, and conservation. The conference featured important business meetings, a petite flower show, and a variety of informative seminars covering topics of interest to garden club members. Presentations explored Native Trees, the Northern Saw-Whet Owl, Ozone Gardens, Dealing with Wildlife Conflict, Conservation at The Wilds, and Nature Through the Lens. These engaging programs offered valuable insights into protecting our natural resources, appreciating wildlife, and promoting environmental stewardship.

The conference also included a special bus tour to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame with lunch at the Edgewater Park Pavilion, providing a relaxing break and an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

From educational sessions to sightseeing and time spent with fellow garden club members, the conference offered a memorable blend of learning, inspiration, and camaraderie. The Pennsylvania delegation returned home with new ideas, shared experiences, and renewed enthusiasm for the Garden Club movement.



Honor arrangement for President Pat Wolanski made by Angie Raitano



Attendees wearing CAR-SGC 10th Anniversary scarves

GCFP AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT THE CAR-SGC CONFERENCE

Congratulations to

1st Place - Outstanding Educational Exhibit $100 — Karen Faust, Southern Butler Co. GC, IX

1st Place - Yearbook Award 70-99 members — Parkland Garden Club, II/III

1st Place - Publicity Press Book Award, Large Club — Gettysburg Garden Club, IV

The Jean Ladson Outstanding Achievement Award $100 — Uwchlan Garden Club, I

$1,500 Scholarship to Chloe Baughman of Reedsville, Mifflin County Garden Club, V

Remember Me Rose Garden:

A LIVING TRIBUTE OF REMEMBRANCE, HOPE, AND HEALING

President Pat Wolanski

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania is honored to support the Remember Me Rose Garden, a living tribute dedicated to honoring the 40 passengers and crew members of Flight 93 who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. This tribute is especially meaningful as our nation commemorates its 250th anniversary year and the 25th anniversary of September 11.



The vision for this special place came from the surviving families of the Flight 93 heroes. Through their dedication and love, the families purchased the land to establish a garden that would provide a place of remembrance, reflection, healing, and hope for generations to come. Their commitment ensures that the courage and sacrifice of those aboard Flight 93 will never be forgotten.

At the heart of the garden is the Compass Rose, a remarkable design that carries deep meaning. When viewed from above, the garden takes the shape of a compass rose – the traditional symbol used to guide travelers and show direction.



This meaningful design represents guidance, unity, and the journey forward while honoring the lives and legacy of the 40 individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice. The Compass Rose serves as a reminder that even in moments of unimaginable tragedy, courage and hope can provide direction.

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania is proud to support this mission through a donation dedicated to the landscape plantings surrounding the newly erected Welcome Center. The plantings will feature the patriotic colors of red, white, and blue, creating a welcoming and meaningful entrance that reflects the spirit of our nation while honoring those we remember.

As gardeners, we understand the power of plants and landscapes to tell stories, bring comfort, and create places of connection. Through this contribution, the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania is honored to help enhance this sacred space and ensure that the beauty of nature continues to provide a place for visitors today and for generations to come.

The Remember Me Rose Garden stands as a testament to love, courage, and the enduring promise to remember.

Special thanks to **Heidi Pane** of
Great Meadows Garden Club, District X, for sharing links to her photos documenting the work in progress.
View the photos HERE and HERE.



PLANT PENNSYLVANIA

A VISION TAKES ROOT

CELEBRATING OUR FIRST GRANT RECIPIENTS

Sometimes the best ideas grow from seeing what is possible.

During my presidency of The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, I have been continually inspired by the dedication and enthusiasm of our garden clubs. I wanted to find additional ways to support their work and help them bring their wonderful ideas to life.

The inaugural Pennsylvania Garden Party was a wonderful example of what can happen when we come together around a shared vision. It brought joy to participating clubs and gave them opportunities to raise money through ticket sales and advertising. Seeing our clubs benefit from this statewide effort inspired me to explore other ways GCFP could help our clubs grow and make a difference.

That thinking led to Plant Pennsylvania, a grant initiative designed to help our clubs turn worthwhile ideas into projects that benefit their communities and our Commonwealth.

The inaugural grant provided a total of $2,500 to support five clubs.

We are excited to celebrate our first recipients:

- Covered Bridge Garden Club – District I
- Great Meadows Garden Club – District X
- Moon Township Garden Club – District IX
- Shaler Garden Club – District IX
- Wildflower Garden Club – District VIII

Congratulations to these clubs! I am also so proud of and grateful to every club that submitted an application. Your ideas, enthusiasm, and commitment to your communities are what make this initiative so special.

And this is only the beginning! Clubs will have another opportunity to apply next year when $5,000 will be available to support their projects. Application guidelines and forms are available on the GCFP website and are due October 1, 2027. I look forward to seeing what wonderful ideas our members bring forward.

We are deeply grateful to the generous donors whose support is helping to bring this vision to life. This would not be possible without you.

As I reflect on Plant Pennsylvania, I am reminded that leadership is about recognizing the potential in our members, opening doors, and creating opportunities for others to succeed. It is about giving an idea the support it needs to grow into something meaningful.

May we continue, each in our own way, to make Pennsylvania a little more beautiful than we found it.

Together, we are making our Keystone a Gemstone!

Patricia M. Wolanski
GCFP President 2025-2027

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS

Marilyn Small, Uwchlan GC, I
Sheri Lowry, GC of Johnstown, VI

Awards Season is Approaching! Sheri and I are excited to begin receiving your award applications soon! Please remember, there are **three organizations** that offer awards: **GCFP, CAR-SGC, and NGC**. Each has its own **updated** manual available on their respective websites and on the GCFP website.

- NGC award applications are due December 1.
- GCFP and CAR-SGC deadlines vary throughout January. Be sure to consult the GCFP manual for specific due dates and requirements.

The **updated GCFP Awards Manual** was posted on the GCFP website's Awards page as of July 1. We've streamlined the content and incorporated additional documents into an Appendix to make the application process more user-friendly.

The only major change this year is with the application cover sheet.

GCFP Awards—use the GCFP Application Cover Sheet

CAR-SGC Awards—use the CAR-SGC Application Cover Sheet

NGC Awards—use the NGC Application Cover Sheet

Regardless of which application form you use, all **NGC and CAR-SGC applications must be submitted through the state chairs - Marilyn and Sheri.** Do not send them directly to NGC or CAR-SGC.

This year's **Governor's Trophy** is open to Small Clubs (1-20 members). The **Book of Evidence** for this award is due by **January 15**.

Important Reminder:
Every club should have a signed photo release form on file for each member. Additionally, any photos featuring children or non-club members must be accompanied by a signed release. These forms can be found in the "Forms Library" on the GCFP website.

We're looking forward to seeing your outstanding submissions!

Awards Page on the GCFP Website



Cindy Layton, Financial Advisor, receiving her Presidential Citation from President Pat Wolanski at the North East Judges Council Meeting

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Diane Quinn, Emmaus Garden Club

Program Planning is currently underway, and there is a robust list available on the GCFP website to assist you. Where can you find it?

- Go to the GCFP website
- Click "More" at top right corner
- Click "Program Resources"

Due to the confidentiality of speaker information, this Program Resource Guide is password protected. Check with your club president or District Director if you need the password.

If you haven't reviewed this resource, please do! The list has program recommendations that were suggested from sister clubs throughout the state. It shares topics, as well as speakers, who are willing to travel to your clubs for meetings.

The list gets updated every year. With that in mind, look back on 2026 and share any club programs you recommend to others. Simply, email the speaker(s) name, topic, any contact information, and your club name to: garden-mom@outlook.com to be included in the 2027 Program Resource Guide.

We need to keep this information current, so please share, and this list will grow every year for all of us!

PENNSYLVANIA'S FIRST STATEWIDE GARDEN TOUR BLOOMS INTO SUCCESS!

Nancy Cuttic, Uwchlan Garden Club, I

President Pat Wolanski's vision for the first statewide Pennsylvania Garden Tour became a reality on the final two Saturdays of June. The event showcased 89 private and public gardens across 12 counties, attracting visitors from throughout Pennsylvania as well as New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland.

The tour was supported by major sponsors including Bartlett Tree Experts, Phipps Conservatory, and Longwood Gardens.

Coordinating garden preparation, promotion, ticket sales, advertising, and visitor hospitality were:

- 15 host clubs
- 27 club liaisons/ad chairs
- Nearly 300 volunteers
- A 157-page, full-color tour book

The tour achieved its goals of increasing GCFP visibility, showcasing Pennsylvania gardens, creating membership opportunities, supporting local businesses, and providing host clubs with a framework to raise funds. Incentive prizes were awarded for advertising and ticket sale achievements.

As a result of the tour:

- $24,300 in advertising revenue was generated
- 1,200 tickets were sold
- $9,000 in prize money was awarded
- $27,375 was distributed to host clubs
- Host clubs received $15 for each $25 ticket sold

Feedback from participating clubs was highly positive, especially in the eastern part of the state. Members valued the teamwork and camaraderie, the opportunity to showcase local gardens, and the financial benefit to their clubs. Many visitors expressed interest in seeing another statewide tour in the future. The Pennsylvania Garden Party truly made our Keystone a Gemstone!

Ticket Sales winners were:

	Small Clubs	Large Clubs
1st Place - $1000	Countryside Gardeners, XI	Uwchlan Garden Club, I
2nd Place - $750	Spade & Trowel Club, I	Norristown Garden Club, XI
3rd Place - $500	Garden Club of Bala Cynwyd/ Villanova Garden Club, I	Penn-Cumberland Garden Club, IV



TRI-REFRESHER

Congratulations to Sharon Richardson, Uwchlan Garden Club, I, for organizing a successful Tri-Refresher on September 13-14. Nineteen participants enjoyed guided tours of three outstanding venues in the suburban Philadelphia area, with each visit offering a unique educational experience.

- Longwood Gardens--Landscape Design
- Stroud Water Research Center--Environmental
- Mt. Cuba Center -- Gardening



GCFP 2027 CONVENTION

READY, SET, BLOOM!

Celebrate Pennsylvania at the 2027 Convention

READY to reconnect and make new memories?

SET to discover new ideas, be inspired, energized, and engaged?

BLOOM with us as we grow together and look toward an exciting future.

April 19 – 21, 2027

Celebrating Pennsylvania: Ready, Set, Bloom! at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Lancaster

We can't wait to bloom together!

Joanne Baylis, Convention Chair

TRASH TO TREASURE at the CONVENTION

Carol McConnell, Uwchlan Garden Club, I

Ready, Set, Bloom! -- A Summer Bouquet

Start by thinking of what flowers you will be planting this spring and what your flower gardens will look like this summer. Could you share some of your flowers in a bouquet with us? Keep it simple!

Your Challenge:

Using a milk, cream, or coffee creamer container (16 to 24 ounces) for a vase, gather some "flowers" to share with us. Use recycled materials (soda bottles or cans, milk jugs, candy or gum wrappers, fabric, yarn, buttons, jewelry, straws, lids, or any other fun materials) to share what your flowers–real or imagined–may be this summer.

Specifications:

Dimensions: Maximum height and width of 15 inches
Weight: Less than 20 pounds
Materials: Any type of repurposed material may be used (plastic, wood, metal, glass, and stone) or any of the above-mentioned materials. As much as 20% of the design may be paint and glue. No fresh flower materials.
Each entry: Should include a 3" x 5" card
Front: Title of entry and list of materials
Back: District, Garden Club, designer(s) name(s), and mailing address

Only One Entry from Each District

- Entry may be the work of more than one person.
- Selection method is determined by the District.
- District entries must be submitted at the convention by Monday, April 19, from 1–4:45 p.m. for judging at 5 p.m.
- Not to be judged under the same standards as a flower show.

SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING

Conformance (height, width, weight)	20 points
Artistic Concept (creative use of recycled materials)	50 points
Expression (interpretation of theme)	20 points
Execution (workmanship)	10 points
TOTAL	100 points

SPROUTS AND SEEDLINGS

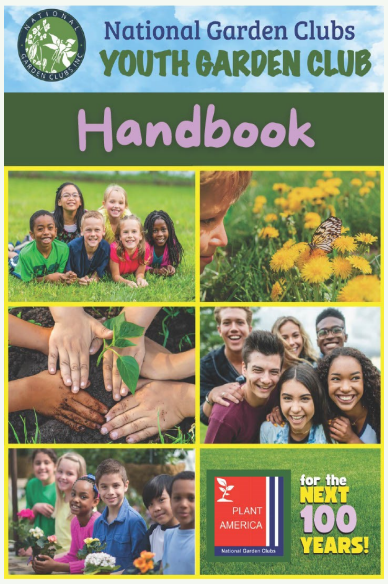
Cheryl Brumbaugh, Norristown GC, XI

YOUTH OFFERINGS FROM NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Scholarships, Awards, Contests, and Grants

Visit the NGC Youth web page

Explore the many opportunities available for young people, including scholarships, awards, contests, and grants. You'll also find links to youth activity books and discovery guides that are perfect for creating a "Kids' Corner" at plant sales and other community events.



The page also provides access to the Youth Handbook, a valuable resource with everything you need to start a youth program, including step-by-step guidance, program benefits, and other helpful information.

Welcome

Shaler Garden Club, IX, and
Trevose Horticultural Society, XI

Clubs currently sponsoring Sprouts and Seedlings:

Uwchlan GC	I	Presque Isle GC	VIII
The Country Gardeners	I	Shaler GC	IX
Four Seasons GC	I	Great Meadows GC	X
Hazleton Area GC	II/III	Pleasant Hills GC	X
DuBoistown GC	V	Norristown GC	XI
The Heritage GC	V	Old York Road GC	XI
Patton GC	VI	Four Lanes End GC	XI
Lawrence Park GC	VIII	Trevose Hort. Soc.	XI

Be sure to renew your Sprouts and Seedlings membership for the 26/27 year. Dues are $2; click HERE for the Registration Form. Make checks payable to **GCFP Sprouts and Seedlings** and send to:

Cheryl Brumbaugh, 101 Caspian Lane
Eagleville, PA 19403-4303

MILKWEED SEEDS FOR YOUTH POLLINATOR GARDENS from Live Monarch

One Seed Can Change The World

Link here

SEEDLINGS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM Link here

Also, see Page 23

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

BURPEE SEEDS

Sprouts and Seedlings Youth Mentors: Many of you responded to my seed email and have received—or will soon be receiving—free Burpee seeds for your youth garden projects.

A special thank you to Marj Sears and Linda Freedman of the Old York Road Garden Club, who helped me sort seeds and put together collections for your many projects.

As you plant, please consider planting a few extra seeds and donating your extra herbs, flowers, and vegetables to a local food bank. Your donations would be greatly appreciated and can help provide fresh produce to those in need.

Together, let's continue to **Plant Pennsylvania!**

GCFP READS: Give the Gift of Reading This Holiday Season

- Sharon Richardson, Uwchlan Garden Club, I

As the holidays approach, **GCFP READS** invites you to think beyond the usual gifts. A beautiful book can inspire a new garden, introduce a child to nature, or provide hours of pleasure during the quieter days of winter. A magazine subscription is another gift that keeps arriving—and inspiring—all year long.

But how do we find the best books? The librarian at Longwood Gardens recently shared several excellent resources:

- The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries presents annual Literature Awards recognizing outstanding books in botany and horticulture.
- The American Horticultural Society selects exceptional new garden books through its annual Book Awards.
- The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's McLean Library also maintains recommended reading lists.

And don't forget the children! The American Horticultural Society's Growing Good Kids Book Awards recognize outstanding children's books about plants, gardens and ecology. The Blueberry Awards highlight some of the best nature and climate books for children ages three to ten and beyond. The American Library Association and PHS McLean Library also offer recommended reading lists for young gardeners and nature lovers.

For a gift that continues throughout the year, consider a magazine subscription. Longwood's library subscribes to favorites including *The American Gardener*, *Fine Gardening*, *Horticulture*, *BBC Gardeners' World*, *Gardens Illustrated*, *The English Garden*, *The Garden* and *National Geographic*.

Children love something special arriving in the mailbox, too! *Ranger Rick* offers age-appropriate nature and wildlife magazines from preschool through age 12, while *National Geographic Little Kids* and *National Geographic Kids* introduce young readers to animals, science, and the natural world.

Through GCFP READS, we hope to encourage members not only to garden and protect our environment, but also to keep reading, learning and sharing what they discover.

This holiday season, perhaps one of the most meaningful gifts we can give is a good read.

HEALING ART

- Barbara Campbell, Parkland Garden Club, II/III



Nancy Cuttic's painting was donated to Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. Pictured are Marj Sears, President Pat Wolanski, Nancy Cuttic, and Program Chair Barbara Campbell.



Frank Mitman of Parkland Garden Club donated a beautiful photograph to Bradford Young Family and Cosmetic Dentistry in Allentown. Pictured are Program Chair Barbara Campbell, Dr. Young, and Club President Helen Papathanasiou.



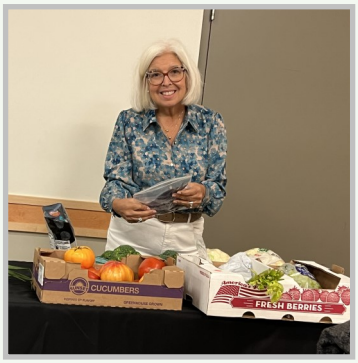
Rosalie Kupec, Burrellton GC, VII, donated 2 oil paintings to Bishop Morrow Personal Care Home, Leechburg. Also pictured is Sister Jessy.

FLOWER SHOW SYMPOSIUM

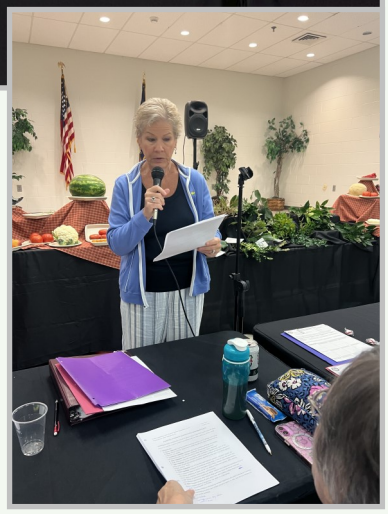
August 26-27, Gettysburg

Tonya Young, The Garden Club of York and Town and Country GC of Lancaster, IV
Joanne Baylis, Littlestown Garden Club and The Garden Club of York, IV









2027 PHS PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Pennsylvania Convention Center
March 12 - 21, 2027

"Iconic"

The 2027 theme celebrates people, places, objects, and ideas that are famous. For inspiration, consider iconic design styles, historic landscapes, and heirloom plants—along with Philadelphia's own historic gardens and enduring symbols, including the Liberty Bell and the Rocky statue.

Volunteer Opportunities

Exhibitor's Guide

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Joanne Baylis, Littlestown Garden Club and
The Garden Club of York, IV

congratulations

Anita Lehman

Norristown Garden Club, District IX

for her successful completion of the Flower Show School requirements and achieving Accredited Judge status!

OUR FLOWER SHOW JUDGES WERE ALL OVER THE STATE

AT THE YORK STATE FAIR FLOWER SHOW IN JULY

Denise Klein, Spade & Trowel, I
Pat Wolanski, Norristown GC, XI
Nancy Fulk, Penn-Cumberland GC, IV
Nancy Hannum, Norristown GC, XI
Nancy Cartwright, Penn-Cumb. GC, IV
Nancy Cuttic, Uwchlan GC, I
Anita Lehman, Norristown GC, XI
Barbara White, Uwchlan GC, I
Wendy Fox, Elverson & Uwchlan GCs, I
Caroline Hall, The Heritage GC, V



AT THE SEPTEMBER DISTRICT I LONGWOOD GARDENS FLOWER SHOW



Susan Glassmoyer, Penn-Cumberland GC, IV
Sheila Croushore, Somerset GC, VI
Marjorie Faust, Allentown GC, II/III
Terri Maclay, Penn-Cumberland GC, IV
Nancy Fulk, Penn-Cumberland GC, IV
Martha Alexander, Great Meadows GC, X
Joanne Baylis, Littlestown GC, IV
Delores Nolt, Town & Country GC of Lanc., IV
Leeanna Ryba, Burrellton GC, VII
Pat Wolanski, Norristown GC, XI
Claire Kukielka, Parkland GC, II/III
Tonya Young, The GC of York and Town & Country GC of Lancaster, IV
Joyce Wallen, Penn-Cumberland GC, IV

AT THE BLOOMSBURG FAIR IN SEPTEMBER



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Joanne Baylis, Littlestown GC and The GC of York, IV

Roseann Varner, Standing Stone GC, V

NGC FLORAL DESIGN/HORTICULTURE WEBINAR

Chris Leskosky, Hazleton Area Garden Club, II/III



Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 7 - 8 p.m.

Please join us for our 6th Design & Horticulture Webinar!

This exciting evening will feature beautiful **fall and winter floral designs**, along with inspiring videos on **decorating historic homes** and **creating an oyster tree** for the holiday season.

It's sure to be an evening filled with new ideas, creativity, and holiday inspiration that you won't want to miss!

We hope you'll join us for this special event!

A Zoom link will be emailed to all GCFP members closer to the date. We look forward to seeing you there!



PENNY PINES ACCOUNT - Sheila Croushore

The Garden Club Federation of PA is excited to announce our partnership with The Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation, which is the official nonprofit partner of Pennsylvania State Parks & Forests. It provides a voice for our 125 state parks and 2.2 million acres of forest land. We will donate our accumulated Penny Pines monies to have approximately 220+ mature trees planted in damaged areas throughout our great state.

SEED MONEY



Marj Sears, Old York Road GC, XI

Our goal is to make GCFP a household name across Pennsylvania by bringing our work into the public eye. SEED MONEY IS FREE FOR THE ASKING! Just complete the application (one per club) for one project, and send it to me before the deadline.

GCFP President Pat Wolanski encourages growth by helping garden clubs increase community visibility through partnerships with civic, youth, and church groups and education on gardening principles.

This has become a great year for Seed Money! We have both extra dollars and extra seeds! Let me remind you that the "Seed" in Seed Money stands for an idea, a dream, a need. Do you need a new community garden? Perhaps an old garden needs refreshing. Will a watering system make work easier? Do you need something? We can get you started.

Please mail or email the Seed Money Application before February 16, 2027. Make our day by including photos if you can!!!!



The Annual Burpee Summer Open at Fordhook Farm in Doylestown was on August 15, 2026. Pictured are Linda Freedman and Marj Sears, Old York Road GC, Burpee Chairman George Ball, GCFP President Pat Wolanski.

SWEAT BEES: SMALL BUT VALUABLE POLLINATORS

Bonita Herman, Lawrence Park Garden Club, VIII

Lasioglossum, the largest genus of sweat bees, has more than 1,900 species worldwide. North America has 280 species with 72 found in Pennsylvania. They can be solitary, communal, eusocial (living in an organized social colony) or parasitic.

Sweat bees thrive in various habitats including forests, meadows, and urban gardens. Most nest in the ground, burrowing into dry, sandy, or cracked soil in vertically branched shafts connecting the brood cells. Some will nest in rotting trees. If a colony species, the nest size varies from a single queen with only a few worker bees, to a nest of over 400 worker bees.

After mating, the female establishes her nest with shafts, places a pollen ball, and lays a single egg on top. She then seals the brood cells with a glandular, waxlike secretion (some species line the whole nest).

In about two days, each egg hatches into a larva and starts feeding on its pollen ball. The larva growth is fast and changes into five instars (stages between molts). This metamorphosis takes 17-40 days from egg, to larva, to pupa/cocoon, to adult.

The solitary species may produce multiple generations a year, while others produce only one, with the queen overwintering in the colony. This is probably why we see sweat bees from spring to fall.

Due to their size, sweat bees are overlooked as native pollinators. But since they are a small forager, they can crawl deep into the plants' reproductive system that the larger bees cannot reach, which increases cross-pollination. They visit so many different varieties of plants, carrying dry pollen and nectar on scopa from their hind legs, using buzz pollination or transference to other flowers.

As with all bees, human growth, urban sprawl, loss of fields, overuse, and misuse of pesticides, erosion and competition from invasive species all cause a direct risk to the reproductive growth of these valuable insects.

We all know what we should do—but are we really educating and teaching as we should? After all, are we are all garden clubs members.

CENTRAL AREA JUDGES COUNCIL

Roseann Varner, Standing Stone Garden Club, V

The Central Area Judges Council (CAJC) proudly presented a NGC Petite Design Specialty Flower Show at the York State Fair from July 30 to August 2, 2026. Held in Horticultural Hall, the show provided thousands of fairgoers the opportunity to view 40 Petite Floral Designs and 2 Educational Exhibits reflecting the theme "Birth of a Nation—America at 250."

The show was open to NGC members, with entries submitted from two clubs in District I, six clubs in District IV, and two clubs in District V.

The CAJC extends its sincere thanks to the York State Fair and Tonya Young, Co-Director of Horticultural Hall, for providing this exciting venue. We also thank our judges and exhibitors for helping to educate the public on NGC and GCFP opportunities.



Susan Glassmoyer
Accredited Judge
Penn-Cumberland Garden Club
Award of Design Excellence and Tri-Color Award



Tonya Young, York State Fair CEO Patrick Ball, Show Chair Nancy Cartwright, CAJC Chair Roseann Varner

PAT'S POINTS

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE GARDEN AFTER DARK?

Recently, I came across an article called "The Secret World of Gardens After Dark," by Julia Cancilla, and it got me thinking: What really happens in our gardens after we go inside for the evening?

We tend to think of the garden as a daytime place. We see the bees buzzing from flower to flower, watch the butterflies, and enjoy our blooms while the sun is shining.

But when the sun goes down, the day shift goes home – and the night shift begins.

Moths begin visiting flowers, bats begin their evening flights, and some blooms are just beginning to open, releasing their fragrance into the night air.

The garden hasn't gone to sleep, it has just changed shifts.



Moonflowers open in the evening, their large white blooms especially noticeable in the darkness. Evening primrose waits until dusk to open its yellow flowers, while the night-blooming cereus, a cactus that produces a spectacular flower, opens for just one night before closing again by morning.

Why bloom at night? Because the audience is different.

Many flowers that open at night are pollinated by moths and other nighttime visitors. Some release stronger fragrances after dark, giving their nighttime pollinators a scent to follow. Their pale or white flowers can also stand out in the moonlight.



Bats have their nighttime jobs, too. Most of the bats we think about are busy eating insects, but some bat species are pollinators, particularly in warmer regions where night-blooming flowers provide nectar.

And then there are the moths. We tend to give butterflies all the attention, but moths are important pollinators, too. Some travel surprisingly long distances from flower to flower while we are sleeping, quietly doing their part in the garden.



So, the next time you walk past your garden at dusk, don't assume the day's activities are over.

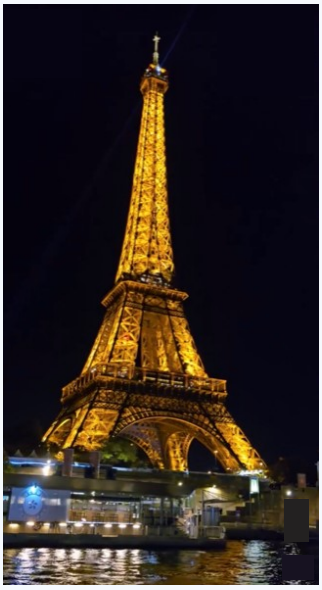
The day shift has simply going home.

The night shift is just getting started.

And perhaps that is one of the most wonderful things about nature – there is always something happening that we don't see – even in our own gardens.



OOH LA LA! 13 FABULOUS DAYS IN FRANCE!



What happens when a group of enthusiastic gardeners explore France for 13 delightful days, blessed with nearly perfect weather? **Magnifique!**

Our adventures embraced all four pillars of National Garden Clubs—gardening, landscape design, floral design, and environmental stewardship. We even followed in Pierre du Pont's footsteps, visiting gardens that inspired his creation of Pennsylvania's own Longwood Gardens.

From exceptional private gardens to the Chantilly Plant Days and Chaumont International Garden Festival, inspiration was everywhere! At Le Jardin Plume (the Feather Garden), a misty morning transformed dew-covered, spiderweb-draped flowers into diamond-studded jewels. Monet's enchanting gardens were another favorite—especially for this dahlia lover!

France delighted our taste buds, too, with Normandy's famous Calvados apple brandy and Camembert cheese. We even tried our hands at French floral design! And our grand finale? A magical evening cruise along the Seine, with Paris aglow and the Eiffel Tower twinkling against the night sky!

Perhaps our greatest compliment came from our Tour Director, who thanked US for introducing her and our driver to extraordinary places neither had experienced before!

Beautiful gardens, delicious discoveries, wonderful friendships, and memories to treasure. **Vive la France!**

















NGC SCHOOLS INFO

Environmental



Gardening



Flower Show

Become a Flower Show Judge!



Landscape Design



For more detailed info and registration go to https://gardenclub.org/our-schools

Bring the Beauty of Your Garden Indoors

Save a little of the season with the PLANT AMERICA Flower Press. Preserve your favorite blooms for handmade cards, botanical art, and thoughtful gifts.

A portion of proceeds benefits PLANT AMERICA.

SHOP THE FLOWER PRESS



NGC MEMBERSHIP MONDAY

Monday, November 2, 2026

Join NGC for a holiday-theme design program **"Carols Through the Centuries,"** featuring songs of the holidays and related floral designs. On Zoom at **3 p.m.**

Zoom link here.

GRANTS TO HELP YOUR GARDEN GROW!

Funding Opportunities from NGC

Blooming Beginnings" Flower Show Award - To clubs hosting their first ever NGC Flower Show. Receive a Brick Paver in the NGC Path of Success at NGC Headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. More info HERE.

NGC Video Café -- Free videos on Gardening Tips, Club Resources, Floral Design, Webinars, and more! More info HERE.



Natural Disaster Grant - Apply for funds to help replant, restore, and beautify a public area that has been damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster such as hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms, floods, fires, etc.



Native Plant and Wildflower Education Grant - Up to $500 is available to be used towards direct expenses for an educational program on this subject.



Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant

Up to $200 available for youth projects for planning and planting pollinator gardens.

Ames Tools Grant

Appy for tools up to a retail value of $250. January through March.

Espoma Plant America Grant

Appy for products up to a retail value of $250. October - May.

CLUB NEWS

THE GARDEN CLUB OF FOREST HILLS, VII

Amy Shugerman Glasser, Communications Chair

On Thursday, September 3, the Garden Club of Forest Hills hosted its first M.A.D. (Member Appreciation Day) event. It has been an exciting year for our club, and we are so grateful for our members who participate in programs and workshops, chair events, expand our social media presence, support fundraisers, and share their knowledge of gardening and floral design. They also maintain three gardens: two in the Forest Hills Main Park and one in the Green Space on the Avenues.

The talents and accomplishments of our club members were also recognized at the district level. Our president, Cheryl Finlay, presented numerous awards earned by our club, including awards for our Patriotic Special Event and for the many outstanding programs presented throughout the year. Two special awards were also presented: the Daffodil Award for Long-Term Membership to Margaret Reed and the Exceptional Horticulturist Award to Linda Phelps.

At the September meeting, Cheryl Finlay and Amy Shugerman Glasser presented simple and creative ideas on "How to Decorate Your Front Porch for Fall." We then enjoyed our annual potluck lunch, which was truly a feast. Our very own Borough Manager, Krista Watt, joined us for lunch and had an opportunity to get to know some of our members.

Continuing our "Talent Within" theme, Amy Shugerman Glasser and Shana Buccigrossi presented a pumpkin program on Thursday, October 1, titled "Oh, My Gourd! Do We Have a Pumpkin Project for You?" They demonstrated how to create floral designs using real and faux pumpkins.

On November 5, Glenda Gebert, owner of Garden in the Woods, will present "Are You 'Pining' to Make a Holiday Wreath?" She will demonstrate how to create a distinctive pine cone wreath to display during the winter holidays.

To wrap up 2026, our Thursday, December 3, club meeting will feature our annual holiday potluck lunch and our first cookie exchange. Not only are our members great gardeners, but they also have a flair for the kitchen!

Wishing everyone and their families a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy, Healthy New Year! We look forward to another wonderful year together in 2027, filled with fun, friendship, learning, and gardening. Our theme will be "The Year of the Herb."

Want to find out more about our club? Email Amy Shugerman Glasser at amyshugermanglasser@gmail.com. Please check out our Facebook page/ social media for club happenings and take a look at our Holiday/end-of-the-year **ONLINE Sarris Candy Fundraiser.** Thank you for supporting our fundraisers! Your support helps fund the beautification and maintenance of our gardens.

Scan to shop and support our fundraiser

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https://www.foresthillspa.gov/resident_resources/ organizations/index.php

GREAT MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB



GMGC was awarded a Purple Ribbon from National Garden Clubs for their July 2025 NGC Standard Flower Show "Road Trip." Pictured are President Pat Wolanski and show Co-Chair Martha Alexander.

KEYSTONE EVENTS

NOVEMBER 19, 2026, 10 AM

RADLEY RUN GARDEN AND SOCIAL CLUB'S 51ST ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW - vendor boutique and raffle baskets. Contact amjames55@gmail.com

DECEMBER 5, 2026, 8 AM–2 PM

UWCHLAN GARDEN CLUB'S CHRISTMAS FAIR - swags and wreaths, table arrangements, auction items, baked goods, craft and gift items, kids' corner, and more!

DECEMBER 11, 2026, 10 AM–8 PM (RAIN OR SHINE)

NORRISTOWN GARDEN CLUB'S 76TH HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR - *Stars and Stripes and Holiday Lights.* The tour features four distinctive homes and one historic church. Purchase tickets by December 4. Details HERE.



PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION SEEDLINGS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Returns February 7, 2027

Seedlings for Schools is a partnership program of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Howard Nursery and the Wildlife for Everyone Foundation.

Since the Seedlings for Schools initiative began in 2008, **1.8 million** seedlings have been dispersed statewide to all counties of the Commonwealth. Seedlings are grown and shipped from the Game Commission's Howard Nursery located in Centre County, Pennsylvania.

The program is available to all Pennsylvania schools with children enrolled from kindergarten through 12th grade.

For more information and to view the educational materials available, check out

Seedlings for Schools here.

HIDDEN QUOTE CHALLENGE!

The July KG issue's Hidden Quote Challenge was won by Joann Zeveney of the Gettysburg Garden Club, District IV. By correctly identifying the hidden quote "Grow joy one flower at a time," Joann won an Amazon gift card!!

My Garden

by Jackie Boggs, Tusca-Ridge Garden Club, IX

I watch with amazing delight
My beautiful garden with all its colors so bright.
There are pinks, oranges, and yellows of the many roses in bloom
The smell of tiny purple lavender almost makes one swoon.
There are pink poppies, yellow coreopsis, and red bee balm
All which invite a soothing calm.
I wait in anticipation for the hydrangeas, peonies, and sweet peas
Knowing that soon their heavenly fragrance will
be waiting to please.

Oh what a glorious sight
My beautiful garden is always a delight.



DONATIONS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Linda Southerling
Four Seasons Garden Club, I

For GCFP Scholarships to students who plan to further their education in agriculture-related fields. Scholarship Donation Form here.

Donations:

Ingomar Garden Club, IX
Oak Hills Garden Club, IX

In Memory:

Butler Garden Club, IX
In memory of Janet Platt
Garden Club of Clarion County, VIII
In memory of Sandra Land
John C. and Peggy Kime
In memory of Helen Ream Kime

PLANT-A-TREE

formerly Penny Pines

Nancy Lambert Fulk, Penn-Cumberland GC, IV

Donation Amount - Donors can now contribute any amount, starting from a minimum of $50 to as large as $10,000.

Mail-in donations can be made using the form here.

Make check payable to **Plant-A-Tree** and send to:

Nancy Lambert Fulk
144 Troy Circle
Enola, PA 17025-2667

NATURAL DISASTER, USA

Kathy Crossman, Garden Club of York, IV

June 2026 to October 2026 - **$798**

- GCFP District VII
- GCFP District X
- Gettysburg Garden Club
- GCFP District IV

Natural disasters continue to affect all parts of our country, so there is an ongoing need for our assistance in restoring gardens and parks.

Last year, the National Garden Club (NGC) was able to provide grants in total of $22,784 and continues to receive new applications for aid following hurricanes, tornados, and floods.

Contributions to this fund must be made payable to GCFP with the notation "Natural Disasters USA" on the lower left memo line. Please include your email address with the contribution so that an electronic receipt can be sent.

BOOK OF RECOGNITION

Joyce Hoek
Garden Club of Harrisburg, IV

These donations give special recognition to club members and help support general operating expenses of GCFP.

The donation form can be found in the Forms Library under "More" on the GCFP website or here.

Donations can be made "In Memory of," "In Honor of," or "In Appreciation of" a beloved club member.

THE SAGE AND ROSES FUND

Vivian Abel
Town and Country GC of Lancaster, IV

The GCFP Sage and Roses Fund, which stands for "Send a Greeting Electronically and Remember Our Servicemen's Every Sacrifice," supports our Blue Star Markers throughout Pennsylvania. Save the stamps! We are appreciative of all donations.

To make a donation, please make your check payable to **GCFP and write Sage and Roses Fund** on the memo line. Send your donation to:

Vivian Abel
200 Marticville Road
Lancaster, PA 17603-9653

NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Jan Olsen, The Garden Club of York, IV

An excellent way to honor a special person, a retiring club officer, a birthday, anniversary, holiday gift, or just for you.

Click on the specific **Life Membership** link of interest below, complete the form from the GCFP website Forms Library, and send it with your check to the address on the form.

GCFP Life Memberships

Kathy Petruska, Garden Club of Munhall, X
Stace Ivol, Tusca-Ridge Garden Club, IX
Martha Alexander, Great Meadows Garden Club, X
Patricia Thorsen, Gettysburg Garden Club, IV

CAR-SCG Life Membership

NCG Life Membership

For questions, feel free to contact
Jan Olsen, jebeau47@gmail.com

PRESIDENT PAT'S schedule



Nov. 2	*PAJC Meeting*
7	*District XI Meeting*
11	*Norristown GC's Fall Luncheon*
30	*Penn-Cumberland GC's Luncheon*
Dec. 11	*Norristown GC Holiday House Tour*
Jan. 12	*Care to Share Zoom Meeting*
March 22	*Covered Bridge GC Judging Floral Design Presentation*
April 19-21	*GCFP Convention in Lancaster*



Would you like to see one of your fabulous photos showcased on the cover of the May 2027 KG Online? Send your best shot of a beauty from your garden, a winning entry in a flower show, garden scenery, or a special shot of one of your club's tours or projects.

Must be a vertical size, not horizontal.
Send your photos to Marilyn Small
GCFPKGOnline@gmail.com.

This issue's cover photo is by
Mary Hetrick, 2nd Vice President
Presque Isle and Gospel Hill GCs, VIII

NGC, GCFP 2026-2027 CALENDAR

November 2	NGC Membership Monday, 3 p.m. Zoom link here.
4	Floral Design/Horticulture Webinar, 7 pm. on Zoom
April 19-21	GCFP Convention in Lancaster
May 13-17	NGC Convention, Madison, WI



GCFP Annual District Meetings 2027

August 26	District IV	September 2	District VIII
27	District VI	7	District V
30	District VII	8	District II/III
31	District X	9	District I
September 1	District IX	10	District XI

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