



What Is This Thing Called Garden Club?

**An Orientation for Prospective and New
Members**

A Refresher for Current Members



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. **CLUB COLLECT**

Our Father, Who didst first reveal thyself in a garden, touch our eyes that we may see Thee in power, wonder, majesty, and glory in every growing plant. Attune our ears to Thy whisperings, among the trees. May Thy Holy Spirit prune, purify, and nurture our souls, that fragrant deeds shall blossom in the lives and beautify the world. And grant that we may walk with Thee through eternity in that promised Garden of God. Amen.

By Mrs. Frank Burney
Adopted January 1959



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Peggy Tucker, State President.



GCG State Seal

Brown Thrasher & Cherokee Rose

State Colors

Green & White.

The Mission of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

- Beautification**
- Conservation**
- Education**

The Garden Club of Georgia Headquarters House in Athens





Azalea



Camellia



Dogwood



Laurel



Magnolia

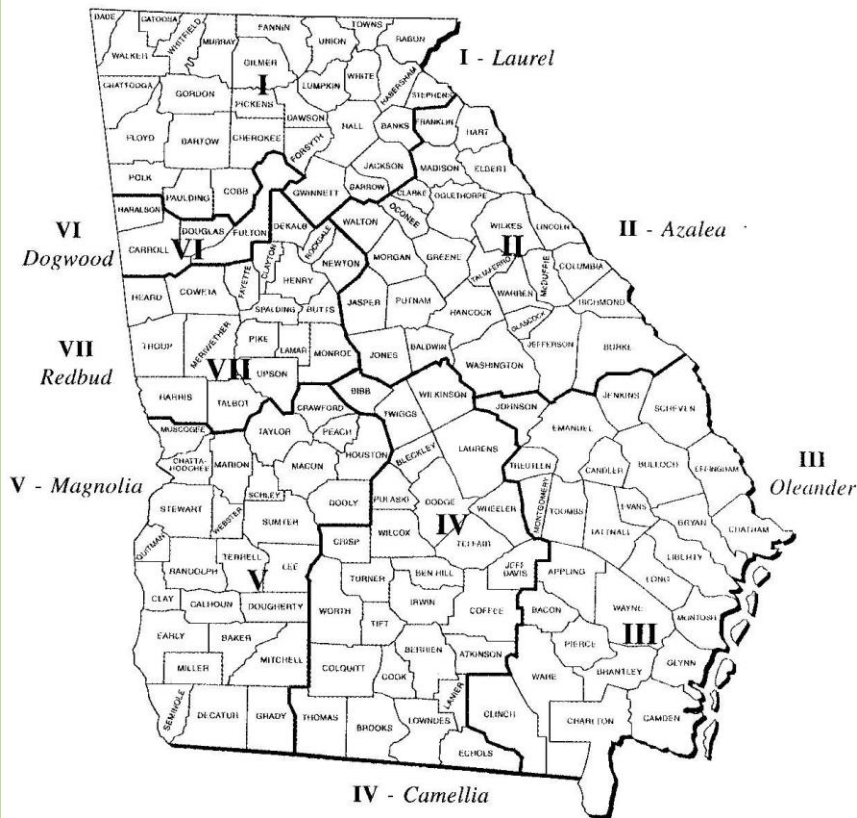


Oleander



Redbud

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.



The Seven Districts of GCG

- Laurel I
- Azalea II
- Oleander III
- Camellia IV
- Magnolia V
- Dogwood VI
- Redbud VII

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
7 Districts
24 Councils
310 Garden Clubs
8861 Members



Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

DS

**Georgia, Florida, Alabama,
Mississippi, Louisiana,
Tennessee**



National Garden Clubs, Inc.

NGC

Headquarters House

St. Louis, Missouri

2021-2023 GCG President's Projects

- **Planting Natives**
Willie Maxwell, GCG Chairman
- **DSR Special Projects**
Diane Hunter, GCG Chairman
- **Protecting & Planting for Pollinators**
Diane Hunter, GCG Chairman
- **NGC Special Projects**
Lisa Hall, GCG Chairman
- **Mentoring New Clubs**
Leanne Penman, GCG Chairman



GCG Continuing Projects

- **Penny Pines**
- **Pull a Tab and Save for Ronald McDonald**
 - **Planting Natives**
- **Garden Week in Georgia**
 - **National Garden Week**
 - **Mentoring New Clubs**

Deep South Garden Clubs Inc.

Theme: Service Through Action

Carol Hall, Regional Director
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“Plant Deep South with a Rainbow of Color”



Community Gardens

National Garden Clubs President's Theme

“Plant America...Play Outdoors”



**Mary Warshauer, NGC President
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GCG Scholarship Program

- **Dollars Educate Scholars; \$1 per member contribution**
- **Donations; any amount appreciated**
- **Patron of Scholarships; \$200**
- **Named Scholarships; \$1000 or more**
- **Life Memberships; 50% of a Life Membership**

**Susan Turner, GCG Chairman
Dot Williams, Advisor**

Life Memberships

- **State Life Membership - \$100.00**
 - 50% to Scholarship Program
 - 50% to HQ House Unrestricted Endowment Fund
- **Deep South Life Membership - \$50.00**
 - 100% to DSR Scholarship Fund
- **National Life Membership - \$200.00**
 - 50% to NGC Scholarship Fund
 - 50% to National HQ House Endowment

Bess Hartley, GCG Chairman

Membership

- Members contribute \$10 per member each year to fund the work of GCG. These dues are paid by each garden club and are sent along with a current list of members and their contact information. Please send updated addresses to headquarters as soon as possible.
- Dues are due by March 1st of each year. A list of the current information on file at GCG Headquarters will be sent to each garden club in January.
- Subscribing memberships are available to honor someone who has contributed to your garden club or a family member. These memberships cost \$25 and are renewable on the anniversary date. A reminder will be sent to the giver.
- Currently there is a contest between the districts for the number of subscribing memberships generated in a year.
- Please send an updated list of officers to GCG headquarters and to the District Director.

GCG Grant Programs



Barrington Hall Boxwood Gardens were restored, in part, with a 2006 Historic Landscape and Garden Grant. This has been an ongoing, two year project by Roswell Garden Club members.

- **Community On My Mind Grant**
- **Historic Landscape and Garden Grant Program**
 - **Flower Show Grant Program**
- **Blue Star Marker Restoration Grant**
- **Garden Therapy Grant Program**



State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Arboreta/Botanical and Memorial Gardens

Mary Denney, GCG Chairman



Garden Therapy

Linda Harris, GCG Chairman

Peggy Tucker, Co-Chairman



Founders Memorial Garden

Peggy Glover, GCG Chairman
Carol Reap, Advisor



Leconte-Woodmanston Plantation and Botanical Gardens

Winette Almon, GCG Chairman



Land Trust/Marshall Forest

Caroline Alford, GCG Chairman



Roadside Beautification

Kathryn Litton, GCG Chairman

GCG Courses

Basic Horticulture

Basic Design

Fran Myers, GCG Chairman
Sally Holcombe, Co-Chairman





NGC Courses

Landscape Design School

Gardening School

Environmental School

Flower Show School

Awards Program

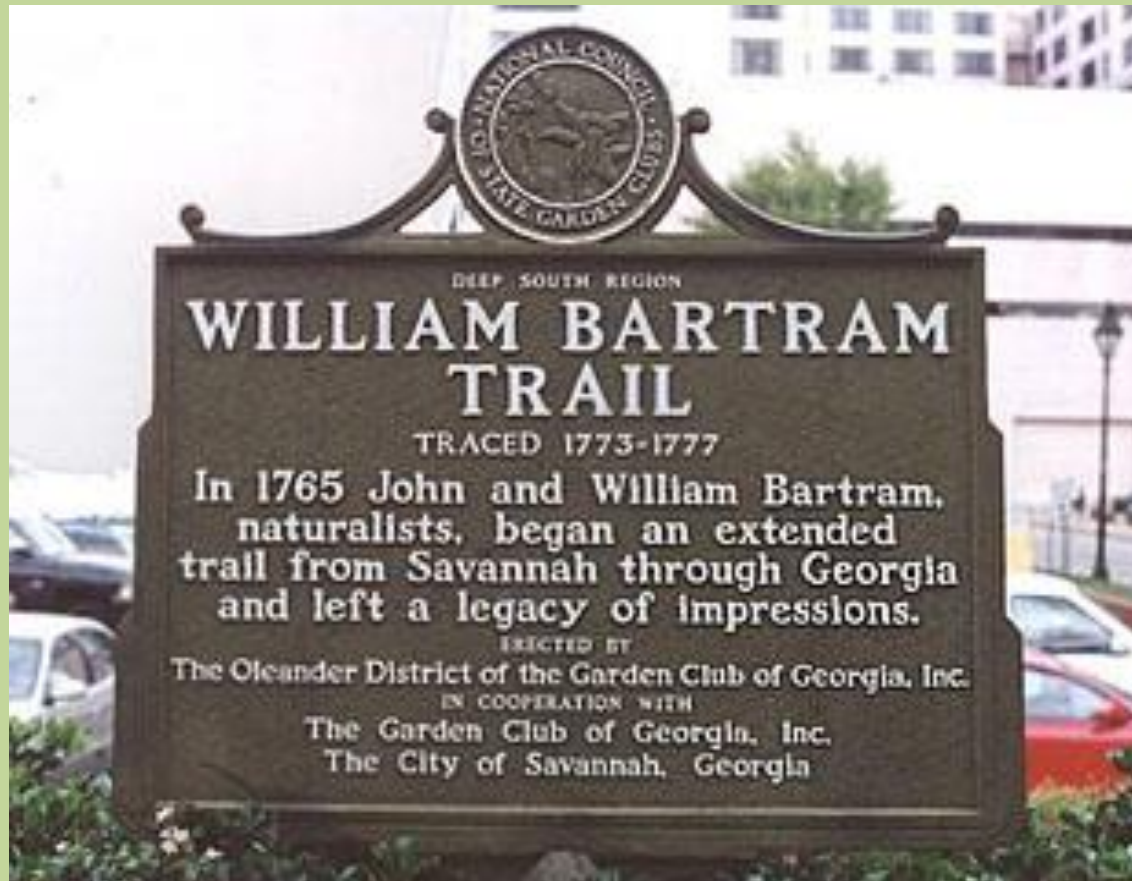
- Lookup the requirements for each award on the GCG Website under Awards.
- The awards criteria for National, Deep South, and GCG have been revised as of June 2021.
- Be aware that the due date is when the application must be in the hands of each chairman.
- Plan ahead and complete your application as the event occurs, don't wait until the last minute.
- Take lots of pictures to document your activity.
- Most award applications are only 3 page long and most are due by December 1st of each year.
- Attend the awards workshop offered every two years to learn more.

Dee Ann Wyse, GCG Chairman
Marie Purser, Co-Chairman



Blue Star Memorial Marker Program

Jan Marie Thiese, GCG Chairman



Historic Trail Marker Program

Peg Glover, GCG Chairman



National Garden Clubs, Inc.

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK
PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the riches of their efforts; and

Whereas, Gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and

Whereas, Gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

Whereas, Gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and

Whereas, Gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for our citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and

Whereas, Gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life, teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

Whereas, Gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that in an effort to acknowledge the importance of Gardening and the numerous contributions of Gardeners, National Garden Clubs, Inc. designates the week of June 1-7, 2014 as National Garden Week.

Linda G. Nelson

Linda G. Nelson, 2013-2015 President, NGC, Inc.



National Garden Week

The First Week in June
Jill Walker, GCG Chairman



Legislative Advocacy

Talley Sweat, GCG Advisor
Barbara Bourque, GCG Chairman



Youth Garden Clubs

Trudy Rudert, GCG Chairman



Wild and Wonderful Youth Camp

Molly Kimler, GCG Chairman

Susan Turner, Co-Chairman



Mary Ogden, Woodsy Owl/Smokey Bear Poster Contest Chairman
Jean O'Shields, Youth Poetry Contest Chairman
Trudy Rudert, Youth Essay Chairman
Mary Ogden, Youth Sculpture Contest Chairman



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“Growing Our Clubs While Making Positive Impacts on Our Communities”



Board Briefs

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