



NCAGC *In the Know* November 2025

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2025 CAR-SGC Conference in Cambridge, Maryland. As an NCAGC member, everyone is invited to these meetings where we connect with members from the States of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. On October 18-20, 2026, Ohio will host in Independence, just outside Cleveland. In October 2027, NCAGC will host!

A huge shout out to Sylvia Sloan and Jennifer Francois who organized a fabulous Landscape Design School Course 3! Joyce Skoglund, wearing her Landscape Design Council President hat and Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church member, was also key in the success of the school - please watch for Course 4 in spring 2026.

There is still time to register for Gardening School, Course 1 on Monday and Tuesday, November 17 and 18th at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church - see pg 2.

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Today is November 1st -

Deadline for submitting

The rest of your club's Awards to our

NCA Awards Chair Monica Anshel:

awards@ncagardenclubs.org

*We did it! Our Bylaw updates were passed!
Thank you to all Club Presidents who voted!*

*[Tina Foutz](#) and [Jane Kneessi](#) are excited to
work on updating our Standing Rules!*

New Club Members:

If your club has welcomed new members since dues collection in May, help us update our records by mailing new member information and a check to:

NCAGC, P.O. Box 491, Manassas, VA 20110.

Please email Joyce Skoglund (membership@ncagardenclubs.org) with questions.

Reminder that donations to: Fern Valley, Friendship Garden, President's Project, Scholarship and Washington Youth Garden are made out to NCAGC and mailed to

NCAGC Assistant Treasurer

Janet Hazelbaker

6211 Sudley Church Court

Fairfax Station, VA 22039-1225

THE NCAGC JUDGES COUNCIL &
DISTRICT III PRESENT THE

MORNING OF DESIGN EVENT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025



10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
3810 MEREDITH DR. (OFF RT. 50)
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA
\$10 DONATION

FEATURING NC MASTER JUDGE BETTY ANN GALWAY AND
OTHER EXPERTS
GET INSPIRED BY CREATIVE DESIGN DEMOS AND HELPFUL
TIPS! REFRESHMENTS, SHOPPING,
DOOR PRIZES, OPPORTUNITY TICKETS!
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE FUN!

CASH OR CHECK ONLY

District I Day

Monday, November 10, 2025

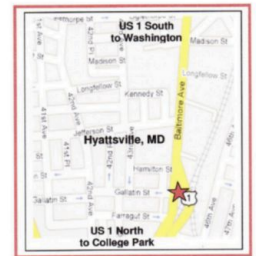
11:00 am - 9:00 pm

FRANKLINS

Restaurant • Brewery • General Store

The unique **Franklin's Restaurant, Brewery, and General Store** is foremost a family restaurant, although it was Prince George's County's first brew pub. It is known throughout the Washington DC and Maryland area as a place to visit. Franklin's serves up inventive dishes and American fare at reasonable prices. The adjoining general store stocks plenty of penny candy, toys, and magic items, and funky, kitschy, and useful finds for all ages - a great place to shop for the gifts of the upcoming holidays!

On Route 1
5123 Baltimore Avenue
Hyattsville, MD
301-927-2740



A District I Fundraiser that is fun for all! Invite your friends to join you! The casual atmosphere is kid friendly, accepts credit cards and has a city parking lot adjacent for easy parking. The parking is quite reasonable during the day. When anyone pays for food, drinks and/or merchandise, just mention "District I" and Franklin's will donate 20% of the receipt.*

*excludes tax and tip

For more information check out
www.franklinsbrewery.com/

Gardening School - HYBRID - two days in person or on Zoom

Course 1 on November 17 & 18th

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
3810 Meredith Dr

or

Zoom
computer or iPad

[Brochure/Registration](#) on NCA website

Please email our Chair, Connie Richards, Chair or Melanie Dann, Registrar at
gs@ncagardenclubs.org

Please considering participating in the upcoming Gardening School!
You can start the Gardening, Environmental and Landscape Design curriculum in any one of the four courses that make up a Series.

If you are just beginning the four course series, please submit a [Form 6](#).

If you are taking as a refresher, please reach out about your Form 7!

Monthly President's Meeting - November 2025

Our next meeting will be on Friday, November 14th, 2025.

Topic: Understanding the NGC Schools and connection to Councils

1. 10am: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82162280512?pwd=pwUDslAM97rM4tgrysKtUO630xqZUb.1>
2. 4pm: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89325649447?pwd=vGA9BcPT9wUbst9BP0u515ol1yRkYI.1>

At the October President's Zoom meeting, Judges Council President Arlene Stewart shared all the ways Judges Council is here to help clubs hold flower shows! Flower shows aren't just beautiful—they're powerful learning experiences. They teach, inspire, and spark creativity for everyone involved. Judges Council is in a unique position to help clubs make their shows successful.

Judges Council can:

- Share our knowledge through pre-show workshops and programs.
- Mentor novice exhibitors and encourage new judges.
- Partner with clubs in the planning stages to answer questions and offer guidance.
- Provide thoughtful evaluations that both educate and inspire.

If your club is considering holding a flower show - or has started planning one - know that we are here to support you every step of the way. Let's work together to strengthen and celebrate flower shows ensuring they continue to thrive and bring joy for years to come.

Please reach out to Judges Council with any questions at
jc@ncagardenclubs.org.

In addition, there is a new award from National Garden Club for a garden club who is holding their first flower show. Check out more information about this award at:

[Blooming Beginnings](#)

Updates from our Youth Chair

NGC has many contests for Youth - Deadline of December 1st -
 How to Enter? Submit all entries to youth@ncagardenclubs.org

[Poetry Theme](#)

[Smokey Bear - Woodsy Owl Poster](#)

[Pollinator Garden Grants](#)

[Recycling Sculpture Contest](#)

◆◆ Explore the New NCAGC Website and Youth Gardening Resources!
 Come grow with us! Visit the brand-new National Capital Area Garden Clubs website to access the Youth Webpage featuring the Youth Calendar, monthly lesson plans, and other great resources for young gardeners.

◆◆ Click here to explore: [National Capital Area Garden Clubs – Youth Webpage](#)

Upcoming Club Events

SAVE THE DATE FOR
CENTENNIAL GARDEN CLUB
WREATH-TASTIC FUNDRAISER

12 4 2025

BRITTANY'S RESTAURANT
12449 DILLINGHAM SQUARE,
WOODBIDGE, VA 22192
11:00AM,
JOIN US FOR A HOLLY JOLLY TIME
CREATING A BEAUTIFUL FRESH
HOLIDAY WREATH, DELICIOUS BUFFET
LUNCH AND WONDERFUL CAMARADERIE.
\$40.00 PER PERSON
REGISTER AND PAY AT
[HTTPS://WWW.ZEFFY.COM/EN-US/TICKETING/MAKE-N-TAKE-CGC-FUNDRAISER](https://www.zeffy.com/en-us/ticketing/make-n-take-cgc-fundraiser)



OUR HOLIDAY SHOPPE THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AND SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH.

HOLIDAY SHOPPE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 10 AM TO 5 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 10 AM TO 4 PM

COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE EVERGREEN FIRE AND RESCUE STATION 15
3510 JAMES MADISON HIGHWAY, HAYMARKET, VA



In Memoriam: Scott Aker

October 13, 2025

Former Arboretum Director of Education.,
Here is a link to his [obituary](#):

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

NCAGC 75th Anniversary
Conference

Congressional Country Club,
Potomac, MD

Registration coming January 2026

Some **Directory** updates (a corrected pdf will be available on the website):
Amie Wheeler, President of Gardeners of the Junior League of Washington
has a new email address: thegardenersjl@gmail.com
Mary Ann Barton is President of Five Seasons Garden Club
Barb Kiker is CAR Children's Gardens / School Gardens Chair

If you have upcoming travel ideas - please consider using Royal Global Travel!
Owner and NCA member Laura Quirk has pledged funds back to NCA when people
book travel with her. A win for you to plan a fabulous trip and a win for NCA!

Sponsors of NCAGC 🥰

[Ashby Jewelers Website](#)

[Brandywine Growers](#)

[Royal Global Travel](#)

[Baird - The Graham Watt Group](#)

[Chesapeake Natives Website](#)

[Soleado Lavender Farm's website](#)

[Bosque, LLC](#)

FXTaylor Associates, LLC

[Springsong Museum](#)

Others who Sponsored our Installation: [Burke Lawn Care](#) [Merrifield Garden Center](#)



Upcoming NGC Grant Deadlines

Dear Garden Club Members,

Are you planning a project that could use a little extra support? The National Garden Clubs (NGC) offers a variety of grants to help bring your gardening and community initiatives to life—and several important deadlines are right around the corner!

Time-Sensitive Grants

- ESPOMA Grant Program
Open: October 1 – May 31
Receive Espoma plant foods and potting soils to support you garden club's project.
- AMES Tools Grant
Open: January 1 – March 1
Apply for high-quality tools to help your club complete its projects efficiently.

Open Year-Round

- Native Plant and Wildflower Grants
- Youth Pollinator Garden Grants
- Natural Disaster Grants

These rolling grants are available any time and offer support for specific needs—from youth education to recovery after natural disasters.

www.gardenclub.org/awards-and-grants

For all other grants visit the NGC Grants page for details, guidelines, and applications:



National Garden Clubs will soon announce the *PLANT AMERICA* Keeping America Beautiful program designed to help clubs plant Red, White and Blue for the 250th Anniversary of the USA. Stay tuned for more details.