



The Garden Club of North Carolina Inc.  
 One Hundred and One Annual Meeting  
*A Celebration in Bloom*  
 Sunday and Monday, May 17 - 18, 2026  
 Hilton Garden Inn Airport  
 Greensboro, North Carolina  
**DRAFT Agenda DRAFT**

**Sunday, May 17**

**General Information**

10:00 AM Meeting staff, vendors workshop presentations arrive  
 12:00 PM Garden Club members may arrive  
 12:00 – 5:00 PM Registration  
 12:00 – 5:00 PM Silent Auction  
 12:00 – 5:00 PM Vendors

**MEETINGS**

12:00 – 1:00 PM	Investment Committee	Conservatory
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Youth Leaders	Madison
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Awards	Madison
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Finance Committee	Conservatory
2:00 – 3:00 PM	District Directors/Club Presidents	Blandwood
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Navigating the Website – Karen Doersam, Website Editor	Madison
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Trustees Committee	Conservatory
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Flower Show Judges	Madison

**WORKSHOPS – Nathanel Room**

2:00 – 3:00 PM The Secret to Early Flowers: *What to Plant in Fall for May Blooms* - Lindsey Poe  
 3:30 – 4:30 PM *Orchids are not Difficult, Just Misunderstood* - Linda Thorpe

5:00 – 5:45 PM President’s Reception (Cash Bar) Patio

6:00 – 7:00 PM General Business Meeting-Opening Session - Blandwood

Call to order	Charles McLendon, President
Collect	Cathy Franklin-Griffin, District Director 1-2
Welcome	Jo Ann Lasker, District Director 5/ Co-Chair
Response	Sunshine Williams, Trustee
Introduction of Dignitary	Sherrie Richmond, Vice Director 5/AM Co-Chair
Welcome	
Presentation of Colors	
Pledge of Allegiance	Frances Cain, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President
Blessing	Cathy Green, Chaplin

**DINNER**

Introduction of Head Table	Charline Sims, Corresponding Secretary
Introduction of Honor Tables	Charline Sims, Corresponding Secretary
Invocation	Cathy Green, Chaplin
Preliminary Credentials Report	Mary Seigler, AM Treasurer
Adoption of Convention Program	Tish Hatem, Parliamentarian
Reading/Adoption of Convention Rules	Tish Hatem, Parliamentarian
Committee to Approve Minutes	Charles McLendon, President
Appointment of Timekeeper	Charles McLendon, President

***Business Meeting adjourns until Monday Morning***

**Sun, May 17**

7:15 - 8:15 PM

8:30 PM

Senior Garden Clubs Awards  
Executive Committee Meeting

Suzanne Gurski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Awards Chair  
Charles McLendon, President

**Mon, May 18**

8:00 AM - 12:00

8:00 AM- 11:30

**General Information**

Vendors

Silent Auction (**Note: Auction Closes at 11:30 am**)

8:00 AM – 11:30

General Business Meeting

Call to order

Introduction of Head Table

Introduction of Honor Tables

Introduction of Timekeeper

Reading of Convention Rules

Report of Officers (5 minutes)

Charles McLendon, President

Marilyn Wright, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership Chair

Suzanne Gurski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Awards Chair

Frances Cain, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Youth Chair

Vicki Corporon, Recording Secretary

Charline Sims, Corresponding Secretary

Lauren Oden, Treasurer

Tish Hatem, Parliamentarian

Blandwood

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**BREAK**

Report of Trustees (3 minutes)

Brenda Crocker, (Past President) Chairman of Trustee

Reports of Board of Governors (3 minutes)

Betsy Brown, The Elizabethan Gardens

Jane Barbot (Past President), Martha Franck Gardens

Cathy Franklin-Griffin, Daniel Boone Native Gardens

Brenda Pollard, NC Botanical Gardens

Vicki Corporon, Scholarships

Reports of District Directors (2 minutes)

Reports of Standing Committees (2 minutes)

Jo Daniels, Life Membership

Billie Oakley, Chairman of Finance Committee

Betsy Grant, Chairman of Nominating Committee

Reports of Special Committees (2 minutes)

Charles to call Committee Chairs

Memorials

Cathy Green, Chaplin

12:00 PM

Blessing

**LUNCH**

Introduction of Speaker

Candy Gessner, Sponsorship Chair

Speaker

Adrienne Roethling

Youth Club Awards

Francis Cain, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Youth Chairman

2:00 PM

General Business Meeting-Closing Session

Call to Order

Charles McLendon, President

Results of Silent Auction

Elizabeth Mabe, Chair

Invitation to 2026 BOD Mtg

Charles McLendon, President

Final Credentials Report

Mary Seigler, Treasurer

Appreciation Response

Charles McLendon, President

Door Prizes

Announcements

Benediction

Cathy Green, Chaplin

Adjournment

Charles McLendon, President