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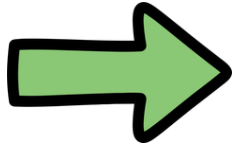
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STRUCTURE OF THE GARDEN CLUB



National Garden Club



There are 8 REGIONS in the United States

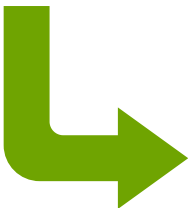
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State Clubs



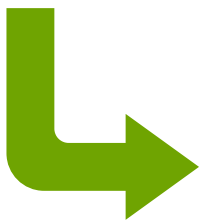
Garden Club of North Carolina



DISTRICTS

GCNC is divided into 9 Districts

Each district is led by a District Director



YOUR CLUB
Your President



gardenclub.org

See what \$1 membership in National Garden Club gets you...

As a member of a state federated club, you are a member of the National Garden Club. In order to receive emails from the National Garden Club please be sure to sign up and create an account in the member section of the NGC website.

In these emails you will receive information on resources for you and your garden club.

- PLANT AMERICA offers \$1000 grants for Community Projects.
- Youth Pollinator Garden Grants available \$200.
- Disaster Fund grants up to \$5,000.
- College scholarships for the study of horticulture, floral design and the environment.
- Educational opportunities and national networking through webinars and instructional programs through video cafe.
- Operation Wildflower program that offer \$500 grants.
- Grants available from Ames Tools and Espoma Products.
- Online courses in Floral Design, Landscaping, Gardening, Environmental Protection.

NAVIGATING THE GCNC WEBSITE

<https://gardenclubofnc.org>



Go to website and the opening screen. In upper right corner click on member login. (Green arrow)

FIRST TIME USERS:

If this is the first time you have logged in as a member, please note that your user name is your email address and you create your own personal password.

To set a new password, click "Forgot User Name/Password".

This will send a "create new password" email to you. Check your email inbox and follow directions.

For more help, please choose

["Login Help"](#)

The member page will look like the one above. If you have already created a password, the website will remember you. If not, follow the instructions for FIRST TIME USER. If your email information has been sent in correctly to our officer manager, the website will automatically know the email you type into the address.

All information and forms which you may need are on this website.

Members Log In

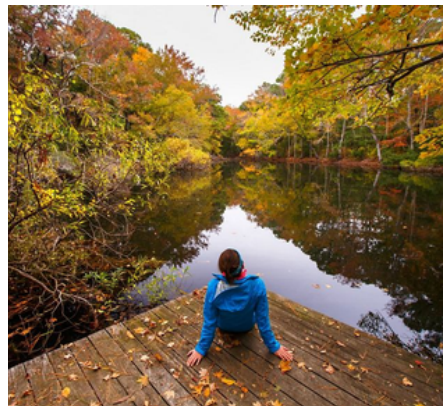
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THE GARDEN CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPPORTS

- The Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo
- Daniel Boone Native Gardens in Boone
- Martha Franck Fragrance Garden at Governor Morehead School for the Blind in Raleigh
- JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh
- North Carolina Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill
- Nature Conservancy for North Carolina



Nature Conservancy in North Carolina

North Carolina Botanical Garden - Chapel Hill



JC Raulston Arboretum Raleigh



Elizabethan Gardens Manteo



Martha Franck Garden for the Blind Raleigh



Daniel Boone Native Gardens Boone

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA HAS A LONG CHECK LIST. IT ALSO -

- Partners with the NC Department of Transportation in development of the wildflower roadside plantings.
- Helps individual garden clubs establish Blue Star/Gold Star Memorials across the state.
- Awards over \$20,000 in collegiate scholarships annually.
- Supports twenty-eight youth garden clubs.
- Assists in the sponsorship of Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest for youth by the National Garden Club.
- Encourages development of Habitat for Wildlife among its members in cooperation with the National Wildlife Federation
- Offers schools in Floral Design, and Landscape Design, Gardening and Environmental Literacy.
- Maintains a Disaster Relief Fund which offers grants of money to member clubs for rebuilding after a disaster. Application available under "Forms" on main page of website.
- Awards small grants of \$300 - \$500 are available through the Lila Petersen Green Leaf Fund..



RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUAL CLUBS

- Send yearly dues in March to GCNC officer manager.
- Provide current list of club members to the Office Manager in March, along with state dues. Send a second list to District Director
- Maintain a current set of By-Laws.
- Maintain a minimum group of officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.
- Maintain at least 5 members.
- File a 990-N postcard tax form with IRS yearly if club is a 501c3.

- Clubs choose when and where they meet
- Clubs choose their programs
- Clubs choose to say the Collect - not required
- The Pledge of Allegiance is a suggested practice
- Clubs decide their budget and dues but \$12 per member must be set aside for yearly membership in GCNC
- Clubs are expected to welcome all interested members without discrimination regarding race, gender, or creed.
- Anyone 18 and under is usually accommodated by a junior garden club; HOWEVER age requirement is left up to the club
- Each club determines how its monthly meeting will be organized and officiated

GOLDEN GARDEN CLUBS HAVE TWO RESPONSIBILITIES

- Send yearly dues of \$12 per member to GCNC office manager.
- Include a membership list with these dues.
- Golden Garden clubs enjoy all privileges of membership except voting.
- Clubs may seek Golden status from 1st Vice President

DUTIES OF OFFICERS IN A GARDEN CLUB

The President shall:

- (1) Preside at all meetings of the club.
- (2) Approve volunteers and appoint the standing committee chairmen.
- (3) Serve as a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- (4) The outgoing President may serve on the Nominating Committee.
- (5) Provide overall leadership and direction to the Club's organization.
- (6) Coordinate Club activities through the Board of Directors.
- (7) Locate meeting space for general meetings, board meetings, and other functions as club activities require.
- (8) Review and approve all items for the yearbook.
- (9) Prepare meeting agendas and preside at meetings of the Club and its Board of Directors.
- (10) Monitor the financial health of the organization by participating in the budget process.
- (11) Submit annual reports of the club's activities to the District Director.
- (12) Perform other duties as needs arise. For continuity, the outgoing president may serve as an executive board member for one year.

The Vice President(s) shall:

- (1) Preside in the absence of the President.
- (2) The 1st Vice President shall be the Membership Chairman and maintain a record of membership.
- (3) The 2nd Vice President shall be the Program Chairman.

The Recording Secretary shall:

The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Club and the Board and preserve all records entrusted to her/him. A copy of all minutes shall be retained by the President and Treasurer.

The Corresponding Secretary shall:

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence and communications sent to club members.

Note: In smaller clubs recording and corresponding secretary positions may be filled by same member.

The Treasurer shall:

- (1) Receive all monies and funds, collect dues, and make disbursements subject to the order of the President and/or the Board of Directors.
- (2) She/he shall assist the Board in preparing a preliminary budget to be presented to the membership at the May meeting for any corrections. The Board of Directors will then approve at the June board meeting, at it will be mailed and/or emailed to members for final ratification by July 15. She/he shall make arrangements to have the books audited at the end of the fiscal year.
- (3) She/he shall send to the State Headquarters the annual dues by March 31 of each year.
- (4) In the event that the Treasurer is unable to carry out the duties of office, the President shall be authorized to collect and disburse funds necessary for the functioning of the Club.

The Nominating Committee shall

- (A) A Nominating Committee of three members shall be chosen as of January 31.
- (B) The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of candidates whose names shall be read at the March meeting. A copy will be given to the Corresponding Secretary who will notify the members, in writing, at least 2 weeks before the April meeting.
- (C) Election of officers shall take place at the April meeting with installation at the May meeting.
- (D) Nominations shall be in order from the floor. If there is more than one candidate for the same office, election shall be by ballot, and a majority vote shall elect the officer. If there is only one candidate for each office, election can be by voice vote.
- (E) In the event that an elected officer shall be unable to complete her/his term of office, the Nominating Committee will nominate one or more members for the board to review and approve to carry out the duties of the vacated office.

Committees and Duties of Club Members shall

Clubs will determine what committees will be incorporated in their organizational structure. Clubs are not required to reflect the committees of the state level. Committees often included at the local level are:

- Horticulture
- Ways and Means (for raising money)
- Hospitality
- Nature Conservation
- Community Outreach

Leadership in a Local Garden Club

As a garden club grows in membership, there is the need to create a structure in leadership. This structure helps resolve issues and disagreements that can disrupt the congeniality of membership. Below is a recommended structure - based on the organization at the state level.

Executive Committee:

This committee consists of the PRESIDENT(S), VICE PRESIDENTS, SECRETARY, and TREASURER. It does not have to meet on a regular basis but may choose to do so. The Executive Committee preempts the decisions and conduct of any individual officers or club members. It is the ruling body of the club. This Committee receives complaints/concerns from club members, discusses and seeks advice as to amenable solutions, and determines which solution is in the best interest of the club. It is the committee of conflict resolution. Minutes should be kept at each meeting but the committee can determine if the minutes will be made public. Voting on final decision is recommended with majority determination.

Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors may meet on a monthly basis - date set by custom and general consensus of the club. The committee consists of all officers, committee chairmen, and any member designated to attend this Board.

The Committee discusses upcoming projects of the club, any issues that arise in the club, and determines a course of action regarding club activities and issues. Minutes will be kept of each meeting and made public to all members through email by the corresponding secretary.

District Director and 1st Vice President

These two executive members of the Garden Club of North Carolina are also available to assist in conflict resolution. At any time either or both of can be contacted for advice and assistance..

HOW TO CHANGE A POLICY AND PROCEDURE OR BYLAW.

An entry in the Policies and Procedures of a Club may be changed in the same manner as a policy and procedure at the state level:

XII CHANGES OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Any changes to these policies and procedures may be made by recommendation from the Organization Study Committee and vote by the Executive Committee. For an individual club, that executive committee would be the Board of Directors and the Organizational Study Committee would be specially appointed by the Board of Directors.

HOW TO CHANGE A BYLAW:

An entry in the By Laws of a Club may be changed in the same manner as a Bylaw at the state level.

These Bylaws may be amended at the Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, provided that a copy of the proposed change has been submitted to the member clubs at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

For an individual club, the proposed changed in a bylaw must be submitted to the club membership 30 days before their next meeting. The Club President, or special appointed committee, will present the proposal to the membership and time must be allowed for discussion. A motion will then be made and seconded, and two thirds of the members attending must approve the change in the Bylaw.

THE PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE SHOULD FOLLOW THIS FORMAT:

(Given here is an **example** from 2021 Annual Meeting of GCNC)

(a) State how the bylaw presently reads:

ARTICLE VI SECTION 8

An annual audit of the books shall be made by a certified Public Accountant. The State Treasurer shall report the Annual Opinion of the Auditor at the Fall Board of Directors Meeting and send for publication on the website

(b) State the proposed change to the Bylaw.

Change shall read: An annual Financial Review will be prepared by two people appointed by the President plus the Treasurer with no vote. The State Treasurer will report at the Fall Board meeting.

(c) Give reason or explanation for the change.

Rational for change: Only a review will be done.

WHY JOIN THE GARDEN CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA?

**Belonging to the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
For \$12 a year, look at what you help sustain:**

The Purpose of GCNC is to educate the public on gardening, floral design, environmental responsibility, and civic beautification.

- Partners with NC Dept. of Transportation for wildflower programs.
- Co-sponsors NC Botanical Garden and helps collect and distribute wildflower seeds.
- Supports JC Raulston Arboretum garden and visitor center.
- Supports 4 public gardens: The Elizabethan, Martha Franck Fragrance, NC Botanical, Daniel Boone Native Garden.
- GCNC lobbied for Yellow Swallowtail Butterfly to be official NC Butterfly.
- Establishes Blue Star and Gold Star Memorials to honor fallen military and their families.

GCNC Provides Many Opportunities for our Youth.

- Sponsors Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest for your participation.
- Provides scholarships for college and graduate students studying in agriculture, gardening, and environmental majors: One for \$10,000 and several for \$1,000- \$2,000.
- Youth garden clubs actively involve young people in local projects.

GCNC Provides Leadership Opportunities Nationally and Regionally

- Awards given for club programs and community projects.
- Operates 4 Schools: Flower Show, Landscape Design, Environmental, and Gardening.
- Socialize and learn what other clubs, Districts, and states are doing
- Automatic member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC): The largest garden club organization in the world. Numerous international garden clubs are members.
- Supports Wildlife Federation and Habitat for Humanity homes.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

When you belong to the Garden Club of North Carolina, you automatically become a member of the National Garden Club

- NGC sponsors Plant America and Beautify America initiatives, scholarships, Blue & Gold Star Memorials, Plant-A-Tree, Awards and Grants, Garden School Courses, Merchandise Store for children's books, aprons, tote bags, ribbons for flower shows, pins, stickers & flags, calendars.
- NGC supports: Disaster Funds up to \$5000, scholarships for the study of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Pathology, Biology, Forestry, Agronomy, Environmental Concerns, City Planning, and Land Management.
- NGC provides education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design and civic and environmental responsibility. For more info: gardenclub.org.
- NGC and GCNC each have websites available to all members as resource.
- NGC provides schools and symposiums throughout the country in the four schools: Floral design, Landscaping, Gardening. and Environmental issues
- Promotes Therapy Programs to bring joy of gardening to Seniors and Special Needs Students.
- The Garden Club of North Carolina is also part of (SAR), South Atlantic Region of National Garden Club, which includes KY, NC, SC, VA, and WV. For more info: southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org.

Compiled by Directors:
Annette Branco District 9
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Blue and Gold Star Memorials

Dedication of BLUE STAR and/or GOLD STAR memorials are worthwhile projects for a local garden club. The memorials are expensive but local veteran groups, chambers of commerce, and local clubs are usually ready and willing to support the project financially. The main responsibility of the garden club is planning the event and bringing together all the groups who wish to participate. The Garden Club of North Carolina has a Blue Star Chairman who is available to help in this undertaking.

Location of the memorial will be determined by the Department of Transportation.

History of this Project:

The National Garden Club adopted the Blue Star Memorial Highways project in 1946 to honor veterans of World War II. Today there are three types of Memorial Markers, and all are a tribute to the men and women in the Armed Forces who have served, are presently serving, and will serve in the future.

1. The original large Blue Star Highway Memorial Markers are placed only on dedicated highways. One of the rules of the national program is that the route must be so designated by the state legislature before the marker may be installed.

2. An identical Memorial Marker, minus the word "highway," was approved in 1996 for dedication at National Cemeteries or V.A. Medical Facilities. In 2004 state veterans homes and selected cemeteries where veterans are buried were approved for memorial markers.

3. The Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker, approved in 1994, is to be placed in parks, historic sites and civic areas.

Clubs across our nation have dedicated hundreds and hundreds of these Blue Star Memorial Markers. As a by-product, garden club members have helped beautify highways, parks, civic and historical grounds, national cemeteries and V.A. Medical facilities where these memorials are located.



A MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR A DECEASED MEMBER



A Short memorial ceremony is a touching way to remember a deceased club member. This can be done in a 10 minute part of the program.

- Light a candle. Say the name. Make a few brief remarks. Other club members may wish to offer remarks. Read the following Native American Prayer.

The Poem (Common Version):

"Do not stand at my grave and weep;
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sun on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting
rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starshine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die."
— Commonly attributed to Native American tradition

DEATH NOTIFICATION

Please notify your district director concerning the death of a club member. Go to the GCNC website -

- Click on forms; find death notifications.
- Fill in required information and send to your district director
- This form will be sent to GCNC Chaplain. The deceased member will be honored at the annual meeting.

Another way to honor a club member - deceased or living - is to submit a donation to the **Book of Appreciation** maintained by the Garden Club of North Carolina. Those honored in this "book" will be listed in the program booklet for the annual meeting. The Book of Appreciation is kept in our main office in Raleigh.

The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.

Book of Appreciation Donation Form

If in "Honor" or "Memory" of more than one person please use a separate form for each.

In Honor of _____ In Memory of _____

Member: _____

Garden Club: _____ District: _____

Donor: _____

Address: _____

Garden Club: _____

City _____ District _____

Name and address of person to be notified for an "In Memory" contribution:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount of Check \$ _____ Check # _____

Send this form and a check payable to:
The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
P.O. Box 33520, Raleigh, NC 27636-3520

TOMORROWS LEGACY. WHAT IS A TLC?

A TOMORROW'S LEGACY CONTRIBUTION is a worthy action taken by a garden club or individual to support the Garden Club of North Carolina's state-wide community projects. Seven agencies receive funds from the TLC program. The \$70 contribution is divided among:

- Daniel Boone Native Gardens
- GCNC Scholarship Fund
- J. C. Raulston Arboretum
- Martha Franck Fragrance Gardens
- NC Botanical Gardens
- The Elizabethan Gardens
- The Nature Conservancy in North Carolina

Donors and individuals can chose how the money is divided. The club or individual is honored with a TOMORROW'S LEGACY CERTIFICATE.

How did this program begin?

Our earliest mention of TLC is found in Ruth Shipp Yarbrough's description of her two-year presidency as GCNC president (1983-1985). The next GCNC president, Jackie Rogers describes the program as a way to recognize GCNC's Sixtieth Year Anniversary in 1985 by encouraging members to actively participate in worthwhile programs. In 1985 the Nature Conservancy was added to Daniel Boone Native Gardens, Marth Franck Fragrance Gardens and the Elizabethan Gardens.

Tomorrow's Legacy Contribution indicates a club's responsible stewardship and a willingness to support their community and the goals of The Garden Club of North Carolina's.

To access form, visit the GCNC website. On main page click on **forms**.



WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT ANNUAL CLUB REPORTS ?

Annual reports from club presidents are vital to our organization.

These reports are as important as a retail store taking yearly inventory of what's in the store.

We get some idea from these reports about what is happening within our clubs and evaluate those activities and events which seem important to club members.

Do we read these reports? Yes

- **A club that scores 25 points or higher on the annual report is designated an Honor Club. That club receives a certificate at the annual meeting and is starred in the Gardener under club listings. In this way our organization honors those clubs which are active in their community and state organization.**

The President's report is on our website under "**forms**". It is fillable and can be saved, then forwarded to the district director - no stamp, no envelope.

INSPIRATIONS

Poems and inspirational thoughts which can be used by a president or club member for different occasions.

IT IS THE VETERAN

It is the Veteran, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Veteran, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Veteran, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Veteran, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the Veteran, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right
to vote.

It is the Veteran who salutes the flag,
who serves under the flag and whose coffin will be draped by
the flag.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

THE GARDEN CLUB

The garden club's the place to go
To tell about the things you grow,
And what is shrub, and what is weed, and
When to plant each bulb and seed.

Why the iris needs a drink,
Should we mulch or prune the pink.
When should we hoe the tulip bed and
Rake the leaves now brown and dead?

But of all the things we ever do
This is the secret I'll tell to you,
Tho' leaves may die, the flowers fade
The friends the garden club has made
Will be with us to the shining end
For a gardener is a faithful friend

TALKING TO YOUR PLANTS

They say if you talk to your plants
Their beauty you're sure to enhance
But I find every time
I read them a rhyme
My tulips fall into a trance.
My daffodils prefer a short story
Of beheading and other things gory
And they turn up their noses
At the preference of roses
For military history and glory.
I don't think there's much you can say
To help fuchsias along on their way
But an iris you'll find
Has the right kind of mind
To respond to a Shakespearean play.

I'M ON A COMMITTEE!

Oh, give me some pity, I'm on a committee,
Which means that from morning to night
We attend, and amend, and contend and defend
Without a conclusion in sight.
We confer and concur, we defer and demur,
And reiterate all of our thoughts.
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda,
And consider a load of reports.
We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,
And the points of procedure are fun!
But though various notions are brought up as motions,
There's terribly little gets done.
We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve,
Since it's out of the question for us.
What a shattering pity to end our committee
Where else could we make such a fuss!

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF ONE MEMBER?

Ten little members standing in a line,
One disliked the President, then there were nine.
Nine ambitious members offered to work late
One forgot their promise, then there were eight.
Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven,
One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.
Seven loyal members got into a fix. They quarreled over programs,
and then there were six.
Six members remained with spirit and drive,
One moved away, then there were five.
Five steadfast members wished there were more.
One became indifferent, then there were four.
Four cheerful members who never disagree —
'Til one complained of meetings, then there were three.
Three eager members — what do they do?
One got discouraged, then there were two.
Two lonely members, our rhyme is nearly done.
One joined a bridge club, then there was one.
One faithful member was feeling rather blue —
Met with a neighbor, then there were two.
Two earnest members each enrolled one more —
Doubling their number, then there were four.
Four determined members just couldn't wait —
'Til each won another, and then there were eight.
Eight excited members signed up sixteen more.
In another six verses, there'll be 1,024.

THE GARDEN OF COMMUNITY

"A garden is rarely a solo performance;
it is a symphony of - soil, water, insects, and light -working in harmony.
Just as a garden thrives on different elements coming together to create a
whole,
our club thrives on the different ideas and skills each of us brings to it.
May we nurture our garden friendships with the same diligence we nurture our
flowers,
and may our club and community bloom through every season of change."

THE KISS OF THE SUN

The Kiss Of The Sun For Pardon,
The Song Of The Birds For Mirth,
One Is nearer to peace in a Garden,
Than anywhere else on earth.
Raise your flowers with tender mercy
Feed your birds with thoughtful care
And when you are in the garden
Count your blessings you are there
Dorothy Gurney and Marilyn Wright

“DAFFODILS,” BY WILLIAM WORDSWORTH (1770-1850)

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.
The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed — and gazed — but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:
For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon the inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

"TREES" BY JOYCE KILMER

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

THE GARDENER

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

(From Child's Garden of Verses)

The gardener does not love to talk.
He makes me keep the gravel walk;
And when he puts his tools away,
He locks the door and takes the key.
Away behind the currant row,
Where no one else but cook may go,
Far in the plots, I see him dig,
Old and serious, brown and big.
He digs the flowers, green, red, and blue,
Nor wishes to be spoken to.
He digs the flowers and cuts the hay,
And never seems to want to play.
Silly gardener! summer goes,
And winter comes with pinching toes,
When in the garden bare and brown
You must lay your barrow down.
Well now, and while the summer stays,
To profit by these garden days
O how much wiser you would be
To play at Indian wars with me!

BEGINNING THE CLUB YEAR

The following would be a fun activity for beginning the club year. Give the following seed packs to 5 club members - one packet each member.. With the seed packet, give them the points to read aloud to club members. Seed packets: peas, squash, lettuce, turnips, thyme

PLANT YOUR GARDEN

Plant 3 rows of **PEAS**

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant 4 rows of **SQUASH**

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant 4 rows of **LETTUCE**

1. Lettuce be Faithful
2. Lettuce us be Kind
3. Lettuce be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is complete without **TURNIPS**

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Projects
3. Turnip to help one another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have **THYME**

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

Cultivate your garden with patience and love. Just remember:

YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW !

OUT IN THE FIELDS WITH GOD

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.
The foolish fears of what might pass,
I cast them all away,
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the hushing of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born--
Out in the fields with God.

IRISH BLESSING

Blessings for Good Luck & Prosperity

"May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light, may good luck pursue you each morning and night."

"May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings, and know nothing but happiness from this day forward."

"May the roof over your head be always strong, and may your glass be ever full."

"May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home."

"May the hand of a friend always be near you, and may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you."

"For every storm, a rainbow; for every tear, a smile; for every care, a promise; and a blessing in each trial."

"May you be in Heaven a full half-hour before the devil knows you're dead."



Land O'Sky Garden Club working together

For over 100 years North Carolina garden club members have worked together to build gardens for their communities and promote the goals of The Garden Club of North Carolina. We have done so with the help of successful leadership. As club president, you are a part of this leadership.

THANK YOU !!