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Meet **Jane Hersey**, the 2017-2019 GCG State President. Below is a comment about Jane from her husband Steve: Jane loves all things gardening, so "**PLANT AMERICA - Georgia's Heritage, Georgia's Legacy**" is the perfect theme for her term of office as she leads GCG in promoting its mission of "Beautification, Conservation, and Education."



The theme for President Nancy Hargrove's administration is **Plant America**, a singularly focused initiative on gardens and gardening. Both a call to

service and a description of what NGC clubs do, Plant America supports the main reason that people say they join a garden club - to learn about gardening!

Covering any and every aspect of gardening, horticulture, garden design and community service, it applies to every kind of garden: Blue Star plantings, vegetable gardens, community gardens, container gardening, neighborhood plantings, urban farms, low-water xeriscape gardens, etc.

Projects in local communities are what distinguish us from the work of other gardening organizations. Towns, cities, neighborhoods and roadsides across the United States are all beneficiaries of National Garden Clubs projects.

In order to provide a vehicle to financially support the activities of our member clubs, a new grant program entitled "**Plant America Community Project Grants**" is being established to provide funding for new or existing projects of NGC member clubs in their respective communities across the United States. This will be a permanent fund with grants being awarded during each two-year administration. The goal for the fund is to become a self-sustaining endowment fund like the NGC Scholarship fund providing funding levels that make a significant impact in large projects.

In order that the members of National Garden Clubs see the immediate benefits of this grant program for their projects, the first grants will be given during the 2017-2019 administration.

Not only will the community projects funded from it enhance our nation, but, through project publicity, signage, and materials bearing the Plant America logo, it provides the possibility of making our organization more visible. See the requirements for obtaining a grant [here](#).



This summer there are many awards applications that can be completed, i.e. Garden Week in Georgia, Arbor Day, National Garden Week, Blue Star Marker and Gold Star Marker. Below is a listing of the 2017-2019 GCG Awards Committee. Plan to attend the GCG Awards Workshops in your district. Registration forms will be on your district websites.

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Nancy Hargroves, NGC President, at the Richmond, Virginia NGC Convention had a smile on her face. GCG can help keep that smile in place by submitting awards applications as: Georgia Plants – Georgia Wins.
YOUR CLUB IS IMPORTANT!



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