In this cold wintery weather (It should be cold!), here is a recipe for Friendship Tea which would be ideal to serve at an organizational meeting or to make up jars for new members.

Friendship Tea Ingredients

- 1 cup sweetened lemonade powder
- 1 cup orange-flavored drink mix (e.g. Tang)
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

In a large bowl, combine instant tea, lemonade powder, orange drink mix, cinnamon and clove. Mix well and store in an airtight container.

To serve, Put 2 to 3 teaspoons of mix in a mug. Stir in 1 cup of boiling water. Adjust to taste. Remember the keys to membership. GCG is a strong volunteer organization and the best way for us to get our message out to the state and to the nation is to retain current membership, recruit new members, and establish new clubs. Take time to invite individuals to your meetings. Mix up the tea, by the cup or jar, and share.

Where is the SNOW??

Linda Ragland had a wonderful view on our snowy weekend

NGC Mission Statement

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Provides education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility. Members of national garden clubs grow our world and green our communities. Our members create a powerful voice and expansive network for advancing common interests. We are one of the most recognized non-profits in the United States and the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world. Click here to watch our video.
THE LOVE OF GARDENING BEGINS AT HOME!

According to our history book "FULFILLING THE DREAM", the original name of our organization was National Council of State Garden Club Federations, mirroring the structure used in governing our country: a federation of states joined together by a single mission and purpose. In 1935, our name was shortened to National Council of State Garden Clubs, and then was modified again in 2001 to National Garden Clubs, Inc.

All Garden Club activity begins at the local level, in grassroots organizations that provide local communities of gardeners with networking, education and outreach opportunities. Each local club is under the guidance and direction of that states' president, serving as a liaison to regional directors and national elected and appointed officers.

OUR HISTORY DATES BACK TO 1891

The first garden club in America was founded in January 1891 by The Ladies Garden Club of Athens, Georgia. On May 1, 1929, 13 federated states became charter members at an organizational meeting in Washington, D.C. In 1935, the National Garden Clubs established headquarters at Rockefeller Center in New York City. A permanent headquarters building in St. Louis was dedicated May 10, 1958.

Today, National Garden Clubs, Inc., (NGC) is a not-for-profit educational organization headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri USA, adjacent to the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

Our organization comprises 50 state garden clubs and the National Capital Area, 5,000 member garden clubs and 175,000 members. Additionally, NGC has 60 national affiliated organizations within the United States and nearly 330 international affiliated organizations with locations ranging around the globe including: Canada, Mexico, South America, Bermuda, South Africa, Australia and Japan.

Overall, we promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility and we help coordinate the interests and activities of state and local garden clubs in the U.S. and abroad.

We organize, support, arrange and deliver educational and school programs along with a variety of resources to support horticultural and environmental activities. Further, we sponsor many networking opportunities and special projects in which our members can participate in order to be of service and help our communities on a local, regional, national and international level. (from NGC website) THAT’S OUR HISTORY AND OUR MISSION. WE WANT YOU TO BE OUR FUTURE!!

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