



JOIN US

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PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN

For the garden of your daily Living

Plant three rows of Peas:

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

Plant four rows of Squash

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

Plant four rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce be Faithful
2. Lettuce be Kind
3. Lettuce be Patient
4. Lettuce love one Another

No garden is complete without Turnips

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Service
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

Recognizing Those Who Deserve Our Appreciation

Every garden club has those very special members who work tirelessly and give years of service in many areas ...here is your club's opportunity to say "we appreciate you and thank you for all your efforts!"

The Member Award of Honor recognizes those NGC members, whose volunteer efforts, during a period of five years, have made outstanding contribution(s) to club and community in one or more of the following areas:

- Civic Development
- Conservation
- Design
- Horticultural Therapy
- Horticulture
- Landscape Design
- Youth Activities
- All Around Excellence

ELIGIBILITY: Any member of a State Garden Club, who has never served as a member of the NGC Board of Directors, including State Presidents.

MEMBERSHIP

KEY WORDS:

Retention—Keep old one

Extension—Get new one

Recognition—Praise the jobs well done

Is it time to recognize one of our own at the NCG level? RECOGNITION is one of our membership key words. Remember our members are the keys to success.

Membership Photography Contest

The NGC Membership Photography Contest Award goes to the highest scoring photograph with a caption best depicting the theme, "NGC Membership is..."



First Place: Sara Treanor,
*The Wymberley Garden Club
Garden Club of Georgia,
Oleander District, 34 Members,
Hope, Georgia*

5 SECRETS OF SUCCESSFUL GARDENERS

Great gardeners are shaped by these ideas:

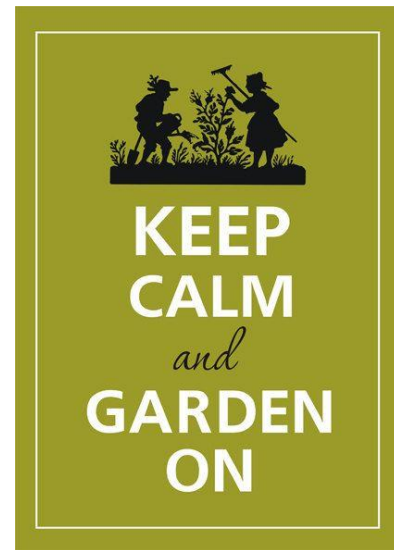
- Gardening isn't just for spring
- Take the long view
- Embrace mistakes
- Build the soil
- Learn from others

By [Adrian Higgins](#) Gardening columnist

(Taken from NGC Facebook)

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Witty and Wise

By Diane Harbin

In a recent magazine article, philanthropist Melinda Gates (quoted on Twitter) said "Goals are only wishes unless you have a plan." An effort has been made to give your club and your district ideas for increasing membership. The goal of the Membership Team is to encourage membership growth and retention. The Join Us newsletter provides information we hope is helpful. Here is another idea, a gardening tip for a casual social. Similar to the "Sip and Paint" Parties let's try a "Garden Tip and Sip" Gathering. At these gatherings, members could bring a guest, a plant and a gardening tip for a casual social hour to encourage gardening and membership. Pamphlets, information, cards or a short PowerPoint presentation could be given. Please send your membership and fellowship ideas to US so that they CAN be shared with GCG members.

