

JOIN US

Membership Development

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Fitting In:

Why be a member of a garden club?

Recently, a gentleman in a quaint southern town asked a garden club member: "What do you ladies do at a garden club meeting? Just sit and gossip?" A strange look came over his face when the gardener replied: "We fellowship, learn, and grow as individuals and as gardeners." Being able to

work with the community and the youth is an exciting adventure and to be able to share the experiences in a group with like-minded individuals is a wonderful opportunity. OH, by the way, men can be in the garden club also. Come and **join us**.

GCG REGIONS: WHERE ARE YOU?

TO WHAT REGION DO YOU BELONG?

WHO IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR?

GEORGIA MEMBERSHIP GENERAL INFORMATION

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the State Chairs of our various programs, District Directors, State Officers, and former Presidents. We have seven geographical Districts: **Laurel, Azalea, Oleander, Camellia, Magnolia, Dogwood, and Redbud**. These seven district groups carry out the state program on a local level throughout Georgia.

State Presidents serve two-year terms and provide the leadership necessary to manage such a large volunteer service organization. You are encouraged to contact us, ask for additional information and to join us. We are an organization with dedicated and accomplished members working hard for a better quality of life for all Georgians. The Co-Directors and contact information (with hyperlinks) are listed on page two.



While vacationing on Daufuskie Island, I had time to review and think about the goals the membership development team has set.

The co-directors and I want to

- retain current membership,
- recruit new members,
- and establish new clubs.

Susan Turner has shared her idea of "Creating New Garden Clubs One Community At A Time."

We want to hear and share your ideas and goals.

Join Us as we "**Leap Into Action**," while we "**Sow Seeds of Knowledge and Reap Conservation with Beauty**."

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Do remember that we want to include **Penny Pines** in our membership efforts. Contact Barbara Bourque (b.bourque@comcast.net) for more information on Penny Pines.

Benefits

1. You will enjoy interesting and varied programs at meetings, while expanding your knowledge of gardening, the environment and floral design.
2. You will socialize with others with similar interests, exchange ideas, and develop friendships.
3. You will have the ability to hold your club meetings at a Garden Center, your home or a location of your choice.
4. You will be able to participate in civic beautification.
5. You will be able to participate in a Flower Shows.
6. You will be able to join with others to impact legislative issues, such as less tree cutting.
7. You will receive the award-winning quarterly publication, Garden Gateways. This publication contains news of the state organization and member clubs, announcements for various seminars, and plenty of garden-related information.
8. You will be a member of your District which implements the State program on a local level in your area.
9. There is a District meeting held each fall which you can attend.
10. You are invited to attend the annual convention of our organization each spring as it rotates locations through Georgia. You will be invited to attend educational opportunities such as flower show schools, environmental education, etc.
11. The greatest benefit of all will be your endless opportunities for personal growth and knowledge.
12. Take the first step in a worthwhile journey ...COME **JOIN US TODAY**