



# JOIN US

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THE GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA, INC., MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

This may be just right for you or an extension of your club!

A Plant Society Member is a horticultural society committed to the purposes and objectives of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and desiring association as a group to The Garden Club of Georgia. An Affiliate Member is a non-profit organization that shares common goals with GCG and wishes to formalize its association with the Garden Club of Georgia. A Plant Society or Affiliate Member shall be eligible to participate in select programs, events, and schools available to The Garden Club of Georgia's general membership, but is without the privilege of a vote. The organization

President shall receive Garden Gateways, the official Garden Club of Georgia publication. The Plant Society or Affiliate may list an announcement of its shows one time per year for no charge in Garden Gateways. They may advertise in the District and State newsletters, and have major events and meeting schedules publicized

**We want everyone to: Join Us as we "Leap Into Action," and "Sow Seeds of Knowledge and Reap Conservation with Beauty."**

on the GCG Listserv. Newsletter editors and Listserv managers reserve the right to limit space.

Annual dues are \$15 for a Plant Society or Affiliate Membership and are due by March.



Photos of MEN IN THE MIX. GEORGIA Let's incorporate the men.

## Wanted you To know!

Today my name went on 41 NGC checks, each in the amount of \$4,000.00 totaling \$164,000.in payment of the scholarship winners for the upcoming term. Only 4 states now have over 10,000 members which qualifies the state to submit 2 names for consideration. Florida, Georgia, California, and Massachusetts. We are dangerously close to that 10,000 in members. In the past, most every time we have submitted 2 names, both have received scholarships. You can go on National's website and see the listing of this year's winners. These scholarships are given every year. Our members may not know at the end of each two year term a scholarship is added in the name of the outgoing National President. When processing these checks today I just felt such joy and pride in what GCG and NGC contributes in this area to provide these students the tools for knowledge for our future. Gratefully, Betty (Grimes) NGC Treasurer

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# The Benefits of Belonging to a Garden Club

## TAKEN FROM NGC WEBSITE

The rewards of joining a local club within the National Garden Clubs umbrella go far beyond the pleasures of growing things. Becoming a member almost anywhere in the U.S. or affiliated international locations is simple and inexpensive. Yet membership opens the door for you to explore a wide range of common interests with people around the world and across the generations.

- ✿ Grow your knowledge via top-notch educational programs and schools.
- ✿ Garden for a purpose with community service projects, including disaster relief efforts and skill-building activities in eco-scaping, community beautification, etc.
- ✿ Participate in the State Garden Clubs network for learning, service and community-building.
- ✿ Promote environmental causes on a local, regional and national basis.
- ✿ Grow your own edibles or launch a community edible garden, for tastier, healthier, less expensive local fare.
- ✿ Learn to make the most of resources, including your available garden space.
- ✿ Enhance your garden's sustainability and reduce maintenance by planting "native" rain gardens and saving water.
- ✿ Nurture your inner artist with floral design study and flower shows.
- ✿ Learn from those with experience, and pass along your own passion and know-how to new generations of gardeners.
- ✿ **Share your love of gardening and have fun!**

THOUGHTS ON MEMBERSHIP... Do you know someone who is NOT a member of a Garden Club, but should be? If each member would bring a new member, membership would soar! The future is not tomorrow or next week, or next year... it is today. Is your Garden Club growing? Let's Think MEMBERSHIP when we think Garden Club! Let's Leap Into Action!

**HOW TO BE A GARDENER** Lean toward sunshine...dig down deep...make peace with chaos... Grow amazing zucchinis and too many tomatoes...dance in the rain... Rake leaves and jump in...hum along with bees... ache, sweat and yearn... Wear crazy hats...cultivate patience...stay rooted, blossom wildly... Mend fences... live with awe and wonder...get earthy... Make magic...share the harvest...be thankful, always.

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