



JOIN US

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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

This is a special time of the year. Children are special at all times of the year. Let's think how we can help the children, have fun, and increase membership. The lives we touch will be an investment in the future.

Gardening Fun With Kids!

National Garden Clubs provides many educational opportunities for the youth at the pre-school, elementary, middle and high school level.

The purpose of the youth gardening programs is to introduce gardening, conservation, protection of wildlife, recognition of plants, trees and shrubs, basic flower arrangements, and a love and appreciation of nature.

The goal is that they will be future citizens who will be responsible and capable with greater self-expression, dignity, integrity and knowledge of their environment.

Youth Garden Clubs

All clubs of National Garden Clubs may organize and/or sponsor a Youth Garden Club. The benefits to the [students](#) include:

- Introduces the art and science of gardening using fundamental math, reading and writing skills, as well as practical [applications](#).

- Helps raise standardized test scores, especially in science.
- Encourages creativity through observing the cycles of life.
- Develops leadership skills.
- Provides opportunities for participation and recognition with nationally sponsored contests and awards.
- May lead to future hobbies and [career opportunities](#).

Each established Youth Garden Club is registered annually with the state garden club, which automatically registers the club as a member of National Garden Clubs. Further instructions, guidance, and program suggestions are available in the NGC publication, *Youth Garden Club Handbook*, available from the NGC Official [Online Store](#)

Youth Gardening Programs

Many NGC members work with youth in settings other than a Youth Garden Club. Youth Gardening Programs by NGC clubs can be affiliated with a school, church, neighborhood, day-care centers or established youth organizations such as Scouts, 4-H, science and ecology clubs, Master Gardeners and Future Farmers of America.

Gardening opens whole new areas of exploration, awareness, enjoyment, amazement and [learning](#) for children.

[Download](#) this listing for some of the Children's Gardens across the United States that were created to spark an interest and love of gardening in children, not only to improve and maintain our environment but for the sheer fun of "digging in the dirt".

(Taken from NGC website)

MEET THE LITTLE DIGGERS



The Little Diggers are a group of students at the Montessori School of Rome. This class of 19 has become one of the newest members of the Garden Club of Georgia. Their junior membership has been paid, programs for the year have been planned, a yearbook has been distributed. As well as increasing membership, this has been a wonderful activity for a subscribing member and community partners. The Frightened Frog has been read, the sound of frogs from different countries have been performed, and raised flower beds have been made and delivered. This is an exciting time.

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

REMEMBER AS WE JUMP INTO ACTION

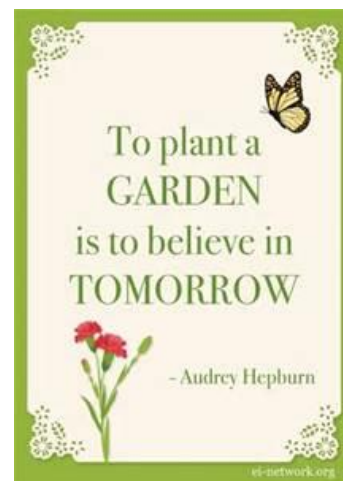


Do you need a Stocking Stuffer for a special person? A Subscribing Membership would benefit GCG and provide wonderful opportunities

**MEMBERSHIP
KEY WORDS for success**

Retention—Keep old one
Recruitment—Get new one
Recognition—Reward active ones

Just a thought



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