Native Plant Activity Questionaire: For activities between May 1, 2015 thru April 30, 2017

Name of Garden Club		Club #	
Contact Person			
Phone #	Email		

- 1. Is your club planning to, or has your club already had a speaker on Native Plants at one or more of your meetings? If so, give date(s), name of speaker and subject. How many people in attendance at each?
- 2. Do you have a Native Plant chairman in your club? If so, what does she do to promote the use of Native Plants?
- 3. If you have a club newsletter, have there been any articles regarding Native Plants? Please give date and send a copy with this questionnaire. How many people receive this newsletter?
- 4. Has your club produced any other publications related to Native Plants? If so, please describe or send a copy.
- Is your club planning to, or has your club already gone on a field trip/ educational event relating to Native plants? If so, give date, location of trip/event. How many people in attendance from your club? (The lecture at the Cherokee Garden Library – Doug Tallamy on Oct. 19th 7:00 PM would fit this category)
- 6. Is your club planning to, or has your club already done a project in the community to promote the use of Native Plants? (ie: Educational exhibit at the library or other public venue to promote NPs) If so, please describe
- 7. Is your club planning to, or has your club already done hands on project in the community to plant Native Plants in a public space or garden? If so, please describe.
- 8. Is your club planning to, or has your club already sponsored some type of Youth activity related to Native Plants?) If so, please describe (There's a NGC Container Garden Pollinator contest that you can encourage your children/grandchildren/ neighbor children to enter and use Native Plants.)
- 9. Have your club members planted Native Plants in their home gardens? If so, how many members have done so, and how many members are in your club?
- 10. Other: Please list any other Native Plant Activity that your club has or will complete, that is not mentioned above.

Send photos with captions for any activity listed above.



ATTENTION – Garden Clubs There is a District vs District Native Plant Competition!!!!

One of President Martha Price's projects is **Native Plants**. Using natives in your garden helps reduce the need for watering, and they are proven winners to survive in our varying climates in the state. **They also help sustain a diverse native wildlife in our environment. What you plant in your own yard really matters!!!** To promote the use of Native Plants by our members, we are establishing a friendly competition between the districts - for activities done during this term 2015-2017. We ask that at all levels within the district, (clubs, councils, and districts), that our members promote the use of Native Plants in their home gardens and in public landscapes - and then send a report to your District Director.

Possible ideas:

- Clubs/Councils can have programs/speakers on Native plants at their regular meetings. Plan speakers now for upcoming meetings!!!! Contact GA Native Plant Society http://gnps.org/
- o Include articles on Native plants in your newsletters.
- If you can go to Atlanta Get a group to attend the Lecture at the Cherokee Garden Library on Oct. 19th. Doug Tallamy, author of "Bringing Nature Home How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants"
- Use Native plants in landscape projects that are being done in public places. Talk to city/town governments and encourage them to use Native Plants. Take photos of completed landscapes.
- Encourage your members to purchase native plants to plant in their home gardens and support nurseries that carry native plants.
- Document your efforts and send reports to your Director, so she can have plenty of information for the contest application - due March 15th.

Each District Director will need to complete an application for all that will have been accomplished during this term. Application due March 15, 2017. Clubs should submit information to their Director as projects/activities are completed - the sooner the better. {Please include info for activities planned for March/April 2017} The annual President's Report of Garden Club Achievements will give your club credit for Native Plant projects. Photographs are encouraged. This is an all - encompassing effort - not just what the Director does, not just what one or two clubs do, but a compilation of everything done within the district concerning Native Plants. Points will be given for what percentage of clubs participates in this, as well as the quality & quantity of the projects. Judges will be fair-minded and impartial.



SURPRISE - the winning District will have their name engraved on a special marker which will be placed in the State Botanical Garden in Athens. This will serve as a permanent reminder of GCG's dedication to the use of Native Plants, and showcase the winning District for their success in promoting this project. Questions?

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