



DISTRICT III DIGEST

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"Cultivating Our World"

DISTRICT III DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Garden Club Friends,

Welcome back to another exciting and active club year in NCAGC's District III! I'm honored to serve as your new District III Director following the wonderful leadership of Joyce Skoglund. I hope you will enjoy our program this month with Wildlife Rehabilitator Heather Shank-Givens and Dusty, her shy, young vulture ambassador. In November, District III will partner with the Judges' Council to present an amazing "Morning of Design" floral design event in Fairfax, VA. It's a wonderful showcase of top floral designers including Betty Ann Galway, presenting imaginative ways to create holiday and autumn floral designs. In March, professional photographer Laura Hatcher will teach us how to improve our landscape, closeup and portrait photography. Then in April, the District will present a Flower Show coordinated with Vienna's "Walk on the Hill" neighborhood tour and Vienna 250 patriotic celebrations. So, the calendar is filled with interesting events for our garden club community in addition to NGC School courses, conventions, symposia and ongoing projects.

Over the summer, the new National Capital Area Garden Clubs officers, particularly President Danielle Brabazon and 2nd VP Monica Ansel, have reached out to garden club presidents and awards chairs to discuss procedures, club organization, and parliamentary procedures among other topics. Additionally, the freshly updated NCAGC website is a valuable resource for all members and I encourage everyone to see all the new information. The free access for NCAGC members to the creative graphic design tools in the CANVA website via the Communications Chair account can also be a great help in writing newsletters, flyers and other publicity.

Thank you for supporting your garden clubs, District III and NCAGC with your energy, ideas, enthusiasm and friendship. I look forward to seeing you soon at the September 25 meeting and getting to know you and your clubs much better. Please reach out to me if you have events you would like to publicize within District III or across the NCAGC membership. I hope we will have a fun year together!

With best wishes,

Kate



District III Calendar

Now through October

24th Ayr Hill Garden Club 2025 Online Bulb Sale. Order online at <https://ahgcbulbsale.square.site/> Contact Christina Wren 703-869-9628 **Pick up at Freeman Store in Vienna, VA on Oct. 11th, 18th, and 25th**

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025

D.C. State Fair . Bryant St NE and Rhode Island Ave. Metro stop Rhode Island Ave. **Ikebana Demo at Arboretum**

Tuesday- Wednesday September 16-17, 2025

Judges Symposium with Judges Council Meeting . Gina Jogan for Floor, Illuminary/Reflective Design Types 9:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. on 9/17. Kenwood Golf and Country Club 5601 River Road, Bethesda, MD Jo Sellers, Registrar josellers@cox.net

Sept. 18, 2025

7 p.m. Zoom Q&A Session on Awards with Monica Ansel awards@ncagardenclubs.org

September 25, 2025

D3 Fall Meeting 9:30 - a.m.- Noon. Atrium Building, 9750 Meadowlark Court, Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna, VA Program on Vultures

MESSAGE FROM NCAGC PRESIDENT DANIELLE BRABAZON

I am so grateful to our membership for all they are doing! This has been a busy summer and your State Officers are getting many seeds ready to plant from workdays in Fern Valley at the Arboretum to Landscape Design School Course 3 (October 27 and 28) and Gardening Course 1 (November 17th and 18th). There are also the Youth activities with lesson plans shared on our website and activities like the Judge's Council sponsored Symposium in September and Morning of Design hosted by Judges' Council with District III on November 6th. I have heard of various ways clubs are *Seeding Our Future* and I would encourage one of these seeds to be attending both your District Meeting on September 25th at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Atrium and the NCAGC State meeting at the Arboretum on Tuesday, September 30th.

Looking forward to see you all this fall!

Danielle

President@ncagardenclubs.org

"There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature" Rachel Carson

The next monthly NCAGC's President's Zoom Meeting with club presidents will be at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on October 24. Look for the Zoom link in the *In the Know* newsletter.

The next Q&A Zoom Session on Awards led by Monica Ansel, NCA Awards Chair will be on Thursday, September 18th at 7 p.m. Club and District Award Chairs and anyone with awards questions are welcome to attend. Zoom links will follow.

Monica Ansel 404 277-2318 awards@ncagardenclubs.org

September Program and Hospitality Assignments News:

District III meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. with socializing until 10 a.m. We meet in the lower level of the Atrium Building at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Court, Vienna, Virginia. District III meetings are held the fourth Thursday of September, March and June. This June, our usual Presidents' Coffee meeting, will be merged with those of the other three NCAGC Districts in a multi-day conference. All are welcome to attend District III meetings and to stroll afterwards in the Botanic Garden for free.

Our 12 District III Clubs have been divided into three groups of four for providing hospitality for our meetings. Following the simplified guidelines adopted last year, clubs are requested to bring fruit, cold drinks, cookies or other sweet, and cheese and crackers. For September's meeting, we kindly request McLean Hamlet, Ayr Hill, Rock Spring, Camelot to bring refreshments with McLean Hamlet as the lead. District III Board provides hot drinks for all meetings with about 50 people attending. We hope to cut down on leftovers and clean up time by keeping the snacks simple and limited to a few items. Thank you so much! If you have any questions, please contact Kate Abrahams .

Spotlight on Our Featured Speaker: **Heather Shank-Givens**

(Jane Razeghi, DIII Assistant Director)



We are excited to announce September's District III (DII) dynamic speaker - **Heather Shank-Givens** who is a **state & federal licensed wildlife rehabilitator and educator** since about 2017, as well as a board member with the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center in Boyce, VA. She has served as a featured speaker about vultures at other garden clubs throughout the state and is a highly regarded and recommended speaker by those already in this field of rescue & rehab.

Heather says she has always appreciated the “less loved” animals of the world and loves to educate on their behalf. *“My first vulture was identified as a potential ambassador in 2018. I took the opportunity to take on a wildlife ambassador and learned all I could about vultures. The more I learned, the more interested I became and wanted to work to educate people on how amazing and critical they are.”*

- Heather worked for a number of years for the US Environmental Protection Agency.
- Worked 20+ years in the field of organ & tissue donation. Biology is her background.
- Currently works for “We Are Sharing Home,” SC, an organ procurement organization as their Instructional Designer.
- Served as an *International Volunteer* in South Africa working with VulPro, a rehab, rescue, & breeding facility for the endangered Cape Vulture and African White Backed Vulture.

According to Heather, “Vultures are a critical component of the ecosystem yet are frequently misunderstood & maligned.” Heather will provide facts and information you need to become informed and an enthusiastic advocate 😊 for these amazing species.

In addition to vultures past & present, she has 2 cats, 3 ducks, 2 chickens, and 1 hermit crab (>20 years old), 1 woodland box turtle (also a wildlife ambassador), one eastern king snake, bees, and worms (vermicomposting)!

Don't miss this fascinating program with Heather and her *new vulture* who is learning the ropes!

NCAGC District III June 26, 2025 General Meeting Minutes
Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna VA

1. Call to Order - The President's Coffee general meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by the Former Director, Joyce Skoglund. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Getek which was followed by Joyce leading the attendees in the National Garden Clubs' Conservation Pledge. Joyce also presented the "Thought for the Day."

2. Introduction of Guests/Reports - Joyce welcomed and introduced the following guests:

- a. Danielle Brabazon, NCAGC President - a copy of her report is at Attachment 1.
- b. Joyce Skoglund, NCAGC 1st Vice-President (Membership) - a copy of her report is at Attachment 2.
- c. Monica Ansel, NCAGC 2nd Vice-President (Awards), presented the following awards:
 - (1) Certificate of appreciation Membership Awareness - Ayr Hill Garden Club (AHGC).
 - (2) Publications (Newsletter) - Fairfax Ferns Garden Club.
 - (3) Publications (Newsletter) - Haymarket Garden Club.
 - (4) Youth Education Project (Garden Therapy) - Rock Spring Garden Club.
 - (5) Award of Honor - Nancy Moats, AHGC.

d. Tina Foust, NCAGC Parliamentarian. She reported that they will be redoing the NCAGC and District III Bylaws and Standing Rules. In addition, a Robert's Rules "cheat sheet" is being created for the clubs to use to run better meetings.

3. Installation of New Board for District III - Danielle Brabazon performed the installation ceremony for Jane Razeghi, Assistant Director; Joyce Miller, Secretary; and Jennifer Francois, Treasurer. Kate Abrahams, Director was installed earlier at the NCAGC installation meeting.

The outgoing board members, Joyce Skoglund, Chris Getek, and Trish Phillips were thanked.

4. District III Officer Reports

- a. **Joyce Skoglund**, the immediate past Director, turned the meeting over to Kate Abrahams, the new District III Director. Kate presented gifts to Joyce and outlined plans for her term to include field trips, a spring flower show, and a Judges Council Morning of Design to be held on November 6, 2025 at Christ Lutheran Church in Fairfax VA.
- b. **Chris Getek**, outgoing Treasurer reported that our current checkbook balance is \$7236.00.
- c. **Trish Phillips**, outgoing Secretary, declared the minutes from the March 2025 general meeting approved as distributed since there were no corrections.

5. District III Committee Chair Reports

- a. **Nancy Moats and Jane Razeghi, Awards Co-Chairs** - An awards education exhibit covering the process for nominating a member for Perennial Bloom was on display at the meeting. The due date for award submissions for Perennial Bloom, newsletters, and yearbook is October 1, 2025.
- b. **Kate Abrahams, Newsletter Editor**, requested input from all the clubs by August 15 for the next newsletter that will be published in early September. The Fall District III meeting will be on September 25, 2025
- c. **Debbie Wagaman, Membership Chair**, conducted the drawing for the door prize - a \$25 gift card to Merrifield Garden Center.

6. Club Presidents' Reports - Representatives of several of the 12 clubs making up District III provided brief reports on future plans for their clubs.

7. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM
Trish Phillips, Secretary

Perennial Bloom, Newsletters, & Yearbook Award Applications– Due October 1, 2025!

to your District III Garden Clubs: Co-Chairs: Nancy Moats & Jane Razeghi

Monica Anschel is the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. (NCAAGC, our state unit) **2nd Vice President** and also in charge of all the NCAGC Awards. She strongly urges our DIII garden clubs to begin preparing application forms to submit your **newsletter, yearbooks, perennial bloom** (candidate) to both *Nancy Moats* and *Jane Razeghi* who are your District III (DIII) Co-Awards Chairs. Recently, Monica has held monthly Zoom meetings & distributed very helpful information regarding the NCAGC & other awards. She stresses that all the awards listed below must be **sent to District III Co-Chairs** first. As co-chairs, we make sure all applications are in order & convene our DIII Awards Committee who determines which applications move on to compete at the state (NCAGC) level. Remember that ***All Perennial Bloom Awards applicants are celebrated and recognized at our DIII March 2026 general meeting. So, if you submit a Bloom Application, that person will be recognized and honored.***

For all of the following club submissions, criteria are identified at the NCAGC website (ncagardenclubs.org), under the “Awards” section. An **official application form** (required for each award application) is also found at the same website location & is required for each submission.

Please note that **October 1, 2025** is the deadline for the following club submissions:

- **Newsletter –**
 - 1 submission (3 different newsletters for 2025) per club allowed – review criteria at ncagardenclubs.org (how to set up an account is described in the **In the Know** NCAGC newsletter)
 - An **application/cover sheet** form is required – available at ncagardenclubs.org (under “Awards”)
 - Need to **electronically include 3 different newsletters** published since January 1, 2025
- **Yearbooks –**
 - 1 submission per club allowed & an *application cover sheet/form* is required
 - Need to electronically include a copy of the yearbook
- **Perennial Bloom Nominations –**
 - 1 submission per club allowed for a member – please review the criteria on the NCAGC website.

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 are the designated eligible dates for any products or events your club has held in the last 9 months.

Your club can complete an **application/cover sheet** found at the NCAGC website - ncagardenclubs.org. The applications are to be submitted electronically to your DIII Awards Co-Chairs (email addresses are below).

Step 1: Go to the NCAGC website by typing ncagardenclubs.org (it is all “green” colored).

Step 2: **Scroll down** to after the narrative intro & you will see various squares with little photos above. Click on the printed word that says **“Awards.”**

Step 3. Once you open “Awards,” you should see 4 squares as follows:

- **Award Information** – is the 2025 NCAGC Rules for Awards, the description of each award, its requirements & due date. Use this to figure out for which awards you want to apply. Some actually have monetary rewards.
- **Award Application** – is the required cover sheet
- **Book of Evidence** – some awards require this info, so this info explains exactly what to include in the “evidence”
- **Perennial Bloom Award, Oct 1st** – describes the criteria. Nancy & I will complete the CAR-SGC required cover sheet if selected to go forward to NCAGC. For submission to DIII (us), you just need the Award Application/Cover Sheet, found in the Award Application box described above.
- **Award of Honor, Oct 1st** – describes the requirements for this award.

Nancy and I are available and very much looking forward to

1. Assisting & advising you as you consider and complete the applications for awards. We ask that you send these to **BOTH** Nancy and me:

jrazeghi@gmu.edu (Jane Razeghi) & smoats5555@aol.com (Nancy Moats)

2. Visiting a general meeting of your club to provide a brief presentation of the various awards for which your club could apply! Or working with your awards chair or whoever is preparing your applications.

Also, DIII club presidents, we’d appreciate knowing who your club’s Awards Chair is and their contact information so that we can contact them directly with updates, assistance & encouragement. 😊

District III Calendar

Sept. 30, 2025

National Capital Area Garden Clubs (NCAGC) State Fall Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Program with Dr. Richard Olsen, Director U.S. Nat'l Arboretum, Admin Building, 3701 New York Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C.



Oct. 10-19, 2025

Ikebana Exhibition U.S. Nat'l Arboretum, Asian Collection Pavilion Buildings, 3501 New York Ave. NE Washington, D.C.

Oct. 19-22, 2025

Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs (CAR-SGC) Convention "Maryland: America In Miniature", Cambridge, MD, Hyatt Regency Hotel Chesapeake Bay, 100 Heron Blvd. at Route 50, For info visit www.car-sgc.org

Oct. 24, 2025

President's Zoom with Club Presidents 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. president@ncagardenclubs.org

Oct. 25-26, 2025

Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society Show, James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Rd, Falls Church VA

Native Plant Suggestion from Nancy Moats: A beautiful native plant to consider is the Great Blue Lobelia, *Lobelia siphilitica*. Please use this link from the Virginia Native Plant Society to learn more about this beautiful plant.

<https://vnps.org/great-blue-lobelia-lobelia-siphilitica/>

Opportunity for 60+ Community Service with Great Falls Garden Club

The Fairfax County Home Delivered Meals (HDM) Program serves adults over the age of 60, as well as adults with a disability who are homebound, unable to prepare their own meals, and do not have an able-bodied caregiver. From time to time they also deliver mini-floral arrangements to their clients. The arrangements really brighten their clients' days and contribute to their overall wellbeing. Here is the webpage for the program –

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/older-adults/fairfax-area-home-delivered-meals>

The person in charge of this program for Fairfax County is Alison Banks (alison.banks@fairfaxcounty.gov). Great Falls Garden Club is looking for garden club partners in this program. Please contact Great Falls Garden Club's President JC Chamberlain at global.chamberlain@gmail.com if interested.

District III Calendar

Oct. 27- 28, 2025

Landscape Design
Course 3, Hybrid
(in-person and
Zoom), 8 :30 a.m. –
6 p.m. Christ
Evangelical
Lutheran Church,
3810 Meredith Dr.
Fairfax, VA
Contact Sylvia
Sloan at
lds@ncagardenclubs.org

Nov. 6, 2025

D3 and Judges'
Council Present
"Morning of
Design" Event with
Betty Ann Galway
and other NGC
floral design
experts. 10 a.m. –
12:30 p.m. Holiday
and Autumn Floral
Designs Demos,
Shopping,
Refreshments,
Door prizes,
opportunity tickets
All are welcome
\$10 donation
Christ Evangelical
Lutheran Church
3810 Meredith Dr.
Fairfax, VA

Nov. 17-18, 2025

NGC Gardening
School Course I.
Hybrid (in-person
and Zoom) Christ
Evangelical
Lutheran Church.
Contact Connie
Richards at gs@
Ncagardenclubs.org

CLUB VENDING OPPORTUNITY AT MORNING OF DESIGN EVENT!

All District III Clubs are invited to sell items from their own Ways and Means tables at the November 6th "Morning of Design" Event. This can be an easy way for your club to make some money with holiday shoppers in mind. If interested, please contact Kate Abrahams at 703 304-1709 or cnabythesea@gmail.com.

Request to All District III Clubs for Updates and News

Please provide your District III Board with any contact updates/ changes to your Club's Executive Board Members and Award Chairs so new leaders will receive the District III newsletter and emails. Thank you for your assistance to keep our contact information accurate in reaching your Club.

Thank you for sharing wonderful articles, photos, and flyers about Club activities! Your many projects, fundraisers and community outreach efforts inspire us to try something new, and to appreciate the creativity, hard work and kindness of all our members. Please send articles, news, flyers and photos by January 31st for the winter/ February 2026 issue of the **District III Digest** to Kate Abrahams at cnabythesea@gmail.com.

Upcoming District III Flower Shows

Please let your District Board know if your club is planning a Standard or Small-Standard flower show in 2025-2026. If you have a date in mind, please inform Thea McGinnis at theamcginnis@gmail.com. Thank you.

National Garden Club's (NGC) Updated Website

To access most of the NGC website information, you will need to create an account with a user name and password. Visit <https://gardenclub.org> and go to upper right of page to locate "Member Login". Click and then choose "Create Account" to set up your user name and password. If you have any issues, please contact Anne Dremluk at communications@ncagardenclubs.org.



Budget (2025-2026) District III – National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc

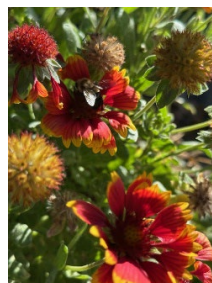
Summary of Receipts & Disbursements August 1, 2024– July 31, 2025

	(2024-2025)	Proposed: 2025-2026
Ways and Means	\$6,472.58	\$ 698.00
Dues from NCAGC	\$427.00	427.00
Grant from NCAGC	\$1,000.00	0.00
Morning of Design Half of Donations Amount from Bank Account:	0.00	500.00 3,000.00
Total:	\$7,899.58	\$ 4,625.00

Budget: (2024-2025) (2025 - 2026)

100 Officers	Proposed	Actual	Proposed 2025-2026		
102 Director	\$300.000	\$259.39	\$250.00		
103 Asst Director	\$50.00	0	\$ 50.00		
104 Secretary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$ 25.00		
105 Treasurer	\$25.00	0	\$100.00	New Checks	
201 Awards	\$100.00	\$133.21	\$150.00		
202 Civic Projects	\$1,000.00	0	0		
204 Hospitality	\$200.00	\$149.78	\$250.00	Morning of Design	
205 Membership	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$ 75.00		
206 Grants	\$600.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	\$100 each club	
207 Newsletter	0	\$29.20	\$25.00		
208 Programs/Trips	\$800.00	\$500.00	\$ 800.00	2 programs @\$250 each	
301 CAR	\$0	0	0		
302 Dist III Officers Installation	\$100.00	0	0		
303 Room Rental	\$700.00	\$667.80	\$700.00	Sept., March, 2026-27?	
304 Flower Show	0	0	\$800.00		
305 Fundraiser	\$3,035.00	\$2,652.41	\$200.00		
306 Donations	0	0	0		
(Distbudget2025)	\$7,035.00	\$4,891.79	4,625.00		

Distbudget2025.docx



District III Calendar

March 21-26, 2026

NCAGC River Boat
Cruise in Netherlands

March 25, 2026

D3 Spring Meeting.
9:30 a.m. – Noon.
Awards and
Photography Program
with Laura Hatcher
Atrium Building,
Meadowlark Botanic
Gardens, Meadowlark
Court, Vienna, VA

April 25-26, 2026

District III Flower Show
Vienna, VA

May 21, 2026

Rock Spring GC Flower
Show, Little Falls
Presbyterian Church,
Arlington, VA

May 27-30, 2026

CFAA Creative Floral
Arrangers Tampa, FL

June 2026, NCAGC All

Districts Conference.
Club Leadership
training, workshops
and programs. (TBD)

Sept. 30, 2026

NCAGC Flower Show
U.S. National
Arboretum, 3701 New
York Ave. NE
Washington D.C.

SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN THE FUN!

**THE NCAGC JUDGES' COUNCIL AND DISTRICT III
PRESENT A**

'MORNING OF DESIGN'

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**3810 MEREDITH DRIVE
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA**

HOLIDAY AND AUTUMN DESIGNS CREATED BY

TOP FLORAL DESIGNER BETTY ANN GALWAY AND

OTHER EXPERT NGC JUDGES!

WATCH AND GET INSPIRED!

\$10 DONATION INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS, DOOR PRIZES,
SHOPPING AND DESIGN GIVEAWAYS ! ALL ARE WELCOME.
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO CELEBRATE THE
SEASON'S BLOOMS AND GET NEW IDEAS!

FOR INFO, CONTACT KATE ABRAHAMS 703-304-1709 OR
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CLUB NEWS:

GREAT FALLS GARDEN CLUB

Great Falls Garden Club (GFGC) had a “very good year” (as that old Sinatra song says) marked by a fabulous flower show, cherished traditions, an innovative leadership approach, and community engagement. We are proud to share some of the highlights of our past year and a bit of what the future holds.

In May we held our first flower show in 7 years at the historic Forestville Schoolhouse. Seventy percent of our members participated and our show drew over 200 visitors. The June meeting was held at our annual picnic at Ellen Ash's beautiful home. This meeting showcased a few of our club's traditions - the installation ceremony for the new officers for the 2025/2026 club year; recognition of a number of our members for their years of faithful service; and exercising our spirit of giving as members generously contributed to our annual food donation to support the Cornerstones Food Pantry.

July had us again participating in the Great Falls Hometown 4th of July Parade where we could exhibit our club pride while celebrating our nation's independence. Our community involvement was evident throughout the year as our members maintained three public gardens that enhance our community's beauty. The Blue Star Memorial Garden in the Great Falls Village Center stands as a tribute to our nation's Armed Forces, while the Great Falls Library Garden provides a welcoming green space for library visitors and our work in the Meadow continues to support local wildlife and native plant species, contributing to the ecological health of our area.

This year marked a milestone in our club's history as we successfully operated under the guidance of three Co-Presidents for the first time - their motto was “Better Together.” This innovative leadership allowed for diverse perspectives and shared expertise, contributing to what has been a “very good year” for our organization. **We highly recommend this leadership approach to other clubs!**

Looking ahead, our commitment to community service will continue in the 2025/2026 club year through a partnership with Fairfax County Department of Family Services. We are preparing to create 100 mini arrangements to bring cheer to older and disabled adults receiving home-delivered meals. **We would love to have some other District III clubs join us in this most worthwhile endeavor.** Additionally, we'll be crafting December holiday centerpieces for the Great Falls Library, Embury Rucker Community Shelter, and first responders in Great Falls, Reston, and Vienna.

Programming for the coming months promises to be particularly engaging, featuring presentations by some of our very own fearless club members. These programs will showcase the diverse talents and expertise within our membership, offering opportunities to learn from the wealth of knowledge that exists right within our club.

GFGC continues to thrive as we celebrate our 84th year in existence. We look forward to welcoming new members who share our dedicated work ethic, love of plants, gardens, and floral design, and community engagement.



NCAGC 2025-2027 DISTRICT III BOARD MEMBERS

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National Garden Club (NGC) and National Capital Area Garden Clubs (NCAGC)

Member Resources Websites

The NGC Guide for Presidents and other helpful materials for managing club business are available in the “Member Resources” Library section of the NGC website (<https://gardenclub.org>). Information includes tips on parliamentary procedure, NGC bylaws, the NGC Blog , NGC school courses scheduled nationwide, and other topics. Issues of the **National Gardener** magazine are also available online. You can subscribe to the Blog at this site. This information is password protected by setting up individual accounts. See the previous page for instructions. Visit <https://gardenclub.org/member-resources>

Additionally, the National Capital Area Garden Clubs (NCAGC) “Member Resources “ website will give you up to date information for calendar items, courses offered within the metro area for NGC Flower Show, Gardening, Environmental and Landscape Design schools, events, directories and meetings. Visit <https://ncagardenclubs.org> and click on “Member Resources” at the top of the page. Then use the password to enter the website’s protected information. The NGC **Guide for Presidents** is also available here.

NCAGC WEBSITE CALENDAR UPDATES AND OTHER CLUB NEWS

To add, change or delete your club’s meeting/event information on NCAGC’s website calendar, please email President Danielle Brabazon at President@ncagardenclubs.org. She will review the request to check for scheduling conflicts on the NCAGC master calendar and notify the NCAGC webmaster.

FINDING NGC JUDGES FOR FLOWER SHOWS

NCAGC 's Accredited Flower Show Judges' Council President is Arlene Stewart. Contact her at 703-409-4614 or 4amstewart@gmail.com . You can find judges for your club flower shows in the following ways:

1. Email Judges' Council Accrediting Chairman Caroline Carbaugh at cscarbaugh@verizon.net She can refer you to judges who need additional judging credits and their levels of accreditation.
2. Flower Show Judges are listed in the NCAGC Directory. The current 2025-2027 Directory will be available on the updated NCAGC website.
3. Visit the NCAGC Website : <https://ncagardenclubs.org>
 - Click on Member Resources in upper right-hand corner of screen
 - Log in and choose "Admin"
 - Click on 2025-2027 NCAGC Directory and view Judges Council pages.
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National Garden Clubs and Regional Garden Clubs 2025-2027 Leadership:

National Garden Clubs (NGC), is our national organization and its website is <https://gardenclub.org>. The 2025-2027 NGC President is Donna Donnelly . National Capital Area Garden Clubs (NCAGC) is our "state" unit within National Garden Clubs <https://ncagardenclubs.org>. Danielle Brabazon is the NCAGC President. You will need passwords to access the member sections of these websites.

NCAGC is also a member of the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs (CAR-SGC), another subset of National Garden Clubs. The 2023-2025 CAR Director is Monica Hansen until October 2025. District III clubs are members of CAR through membership in National Capital Area Garden Clubs (NCAGC), www.car-sgc.org/

You will need a password to access information on the CAR website. Password information will be disclosed at the September District III meeting.

National Capital Area Garden Clubs (NCAGC) 2025-2027 Executive Board Leadership

President	Danielle Brabazon President@ncagardenclubs.org
First VP	Joyce Skoglund membership@ncagardenclubs.org
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Recording Secretary	Cheryl Cass secretary@ncagardenclubs.org

UPDATED DISTRICT III GARDEN CLUBS 2025-26 PRESIDENTS CONTACT AND MEETING INFORMATION

	NCAGC District III Clubs	Presidents for 2025-2026 Club Year	Meeting Location & Time
1	Ayr Hill	Monica Anschel 404-277-2318 Monica.anschel@hotmail.com	Emmanuel Lutheran Church 4th Monday, 12:30 p.m. September - April
2	Camelot	Cindy Davis 703-282-6840 cinddavis@gmail.com	Camelot Elementary School 2nd Wed, 7:00 pm, (except Dec) September – November & January - May
3	Centreville	Cathy Sly 703 266-9233 (home) 703 434-0244 (cell) five.slyones@verizon.net centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com	Sully Government Center, Police Chantilly, 2rd Monday. 7 pm
4	Country Hills	Susan Pepin 703-352-7261 571-235-1064 (cell) Susansgarden131@gmail.com	Members' Homes 2nd Tuesday, 10 am, September - June
5	Fairfax Ferns	Judy Radwanski Judy.radwanski@gmail.com	2nd Mondays, 7-9 pm, September – June New venue to be determined
6	Five Hills	Joy Salpini 703-945-3487 jlsalpini@gmail.com	Vienna Presbyterian Church 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 am, September - June
7	Five Seasons	Mariann Kowalski Club Contact Anne Stuntz stuntzag@aol.com	Members' Homes (typically meet 5 times a year) 3rd Thursdays (usually), September, December, February, April, July

8	Great Falls	John (JC) Chamberlain, President greatfallsgardenclub@gmail.com global.chamberlain@gmail.com	Great Falls Library, 2nd Thursday September - June
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9	Haymarket Town and Country	Bev Krantz 703-608-1470 HTCGardenclub.president@gmail.com Use above email for garden club business, Bkrantz5@yahoo.com for personal email	Prince William Fire Station 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., September - May
10	Manassas	Carole Potts 703-973-6125 sendcpmail@yahoo.com	Members' homes or other locations. 4th Tuesday, 12 p.m. September - May
11	McLean Hamlet	Karen Siple 703-945-5385 Karen.siple@cox.net	Lewinsville Presbyterian Church McLean, Virginia 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. September – May
12	Rock Spring	Cheryl Atkinson 703-677-2018 (cell) Cherylatkinson326@gmail.com	Little Falls Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Virginia 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m. September – June (except Dec & June socials)

