DISTRICT III DIGEST

Member of the following:
National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC)
Central Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs-State Garden Clubs (CAR- SGC)
National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. (NCAGC)

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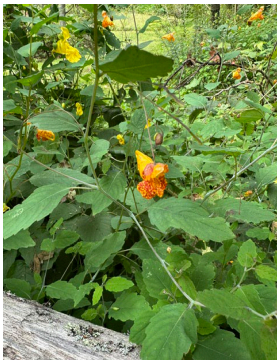

"Cultivating Our World"



DISTRICT III DIRECTOR' S MESSAGE

Dear Garden Club Friends,

I hope everyone has enjoyed a relaxing summer and feels excited about the upcoming garden club year! This newsletter will be relatively brief to reach you before our meeting on Thursday. Assistant Director Jane Razeghi has provided more information about our speaker, Felipe Martin, and his mushroom farm business for this newsletter. Many thanks for her fine work to secure a very interesting program about the development of new uses for mushrooms. I hope to see you at the meeting!

Sign-ups are underway for the October 8th Richmond all-day bus trip to Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts' "Fine Arts and Flowers" exhibition. There are about 30 seats remaining on the 50 seat bus so I encourage you to sign up soon! Family and friends are welcome to join us on this wonderful trip. The flyer for the trip is on page of the newsletter. Please call or email me if you have any questions.

The National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. State Flower Show will be held at the U.S. National Arboretum this coming weekend September 26-27 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please come by to enjoy the beautiful exhibits of floral designs, horticulture, botanical arts, photography, educational exhibits and youth entries. If you have grandchildren who like to take photos, there is still room in the youth photography classes if they would like to enter. Please contact Arlene Stewart, Photography Chair, at amstewart4@aol.com if interested. There are three sections based on the child's grade in school (1-5), (6-8) and (9-12).

Many thanks to Jane Razeghi and Nancy Moats, District III's Awards Co-Chairs, for their article about the upcoming Awards applications. They are ready to assist everyone with their award applications and explain the procedures involved.

Wishing everyone a delightful year ahead as we pick up our garden tools and make the most of the lovely fall weather in the D.C. area,

With best wishes,

Kate

District III Calendar

Sept. 24, 2026
District III Fall Meeting 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mushroom Farming Program, Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Atrium Building, Vienna, VA

Sept. 26-27, 2026
NCAGC Flower Show open 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. "Shining Through the Years: A 75th Anniversary Celebration, US Natl Arboretum Admin Bldg. 3501 N.Y. Ave NE Washington D.C.

September 29, 2026
NCAGC Fall Meeting 10:30 a.m. social time, Program with JC Chamberlain at 11 a.m., U.S. Natl Arboretum 3501 New York Ave. NE, Washington, D.C.

October 8, 2026
D2/ D3 All- Day bus trip to Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden/ VMFA "Fine Arts and Flowers" Show Richmond, VA

Oct. 8-11, 2026
VMFA "Fine Arts and Flowers" Exhibition, 200 N Arthur Ashe Richmond, VA Visit https://www.vmfa.museum/exhibitions/faf Free.

MESSAGE FROM NCAGC PRESIDENT DANIELLE BRABAZON
President@ncagardenclubs.org

Danielle's monthly NCAGC's President's Zoom Meetings will resume in the Fall. Look for announcements in the next **In The Know** newsletter.

DISTRICT III MEETINGS INFORMATION:

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. Everyone is welcome to attend District III meetings and to stroll afterwards in the Botanical Garden for free.

HOSPITALITY FOR THIS WEEK'S SEPTEMBER 24TH DISTRICT III MEETING
The District III Board will provide hospitality for our upcoming September 24th meeting which will include fruit, cold drinks, cookies or other sweets, and cheese and crackers. The Board provides hot drinks for every District III meeting.

HOSPITALITY FOR SPRING DISTRICT III MEETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2027
Looking ahead for the March 25, 2027 District III meeting, we kindly request that Five Seasons, Great Falls, Haymarket Town and Country and Manassas Garden Clubs bring fruit, cold drinks, cookies or other sweet, and cheese and crackers to serve about 50 people. Following these simplified guidelines should cut down on leftovers and worries. Our 12 District III Clubs have been divided into three groups of four to provide hospitality for our meetings with the District Board also hosting once a year.

NCAGC LUNCHEON SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP HELP REQUESTED ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 29TH

Help requested for the NCAGC State Meeting on Tuesday, September 29th in the US National Arboretum's Administration Building's Auditorium.
District III members attending the State Meeting are kindly requested to assist with the luncheon which is offered immediately after the meeting and program. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, serving, and clean up after the lunch concludes. NCAGC's own Hospitality Committee will provide all the food and drinks. Thank you so much! If you have any questions, please contact Kate Abrahams at 703 304-1709.



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM INFORMATION

by Assistant Director Jane Razeghi

"The Fascinating World and Potential of Mushrooms!"

This is the title of **Felipe Martin**'s program for us on September 24th!



Come and learn the importance of mushrooms in our world & possibly sample a few - you don't want to miss this!

Felipe Martin is the founder of **ALL CAPS** farm, a local mushroom farm with a network that is growing and fascinating. He is an experienced mushroom cultivator specializing in innovative agricultural techniques. Felipe began his journey in agriculture on an aquaponics farm, mastering mushroom cultivation and sustainable practices. His work sourcing coffee in Latin America for Camio Coffee deepened his appreciation for ethical sourcing through direct engagement with producers.

Prior to the pandemic, Felipe began to learn extensively about the ability of mycelium/mushrooms to be used as a bio-degenerative resource and its potential in aiding our planet. He says,

"I only began the commercial sale of gourmet mushrooms to fund projects that further mycelium-related projects. I was already an aquaponic farmer, and the farm I worked for wanted mushrooms for their restaurants, so it seemed like an ideal way to start."

What is ALL CAPS and why did Felipe create it?

It is an incredibly unique **hub** for all things **mycelium**, giving us a space to gather and hopefully fund projects in different fields, whether it be **cooking**, **science**, **education,** and **gardening/farming**. ALL CAPS offers courses (one on fungal architecture, for example), workshops, foraging tours, and other fun, educational opportunities to show us how to grow mushrooms locally and their importance in the environment. ALL CAPS

with community gardens (several in Maryland), non-profits, after school programs and online courses. They hope to develop mushroom coffee and tea and international projects. One of his staff members does not live in the United States.

If ***ALL CAPS*** **is the hub for all things mycelium, what is mycelium, why is it important for us to know about**?

Mycelium is the root-like network of thread-like filaments that make up the main body of a **fungus**. What we usually call a "**mushroom**" is just the fruiting body – the visible, reproductive part. The mycelium itself lives mostly hidden underground, in dead wood, or other matter. In short, **mycelium is one of the most importan**t, if underappreciated, **engines of terrestrial ecosystems**! It's used in biodegradable packaging, building materials, and even leather alternatives, since it grows into dense, moldable structures.

Felipe connects mushrooms with gardening/garden clubs by sharing about the role mushrooms play in our environment and sustainable food systems, like gardening/(edible). He will also highlight how mushrooms can be great decomposers, not just for common garden compost, but also **to break down microplastics** and **harmful oils**.

So, come join us for a fascinating program and since Felipe's bringing some sample mushrooms for demonstration and possibly tasting, who knows, **you might actually get a taste**!

SAVE THE DATE!

All-Day District II/District III Bus trip to Virginia Museum of Fine Arts "Fine Arts and Flowers" Exhibition and Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, Virginia. Thursday, October 8, 2026. $85.00.

Two-Day bus trip to Mount Cuba Center in Hokessin, Delaware and Winterthur Gardens and Museum, Delaware May 6-7, 2027. Details to follow.





National Capital Area Garden Clubs
Districts II & III
BUS TRIP



Richmond, Virginia

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 8TH

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
"Fine Arts and Flowers"

Two Pick up Points

Mail the form below and $85 check, payable to District III of NCAGC, to Kate Abrahams, 4727 North Dittmar Road, Arlington , VA 22207.

Bus transportation and driver tip included
Admittance to Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
Lunch on your own at Lewis Ginter
Docent-led tour of "Fine Arts and Flowers"
Refreshments on the return trip

- Name _____
- Address_____
- Mobile Phone_____
- Garden Club_____
- Email_____

Check all that apply:

☐ *I am a member of the American Horticultural Society and will bring my membership card for Lewis Ginter Admittance*

☐ *Pick me up at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA (bus leaves at 7 am returns at 5:45 pm)*

☐ *Pick me up at Springfield Mall Parking Lot in front of JCPenney's (bus leaves at 7:30 am returns at 5:00 pm)*

QUESTIONS? *Call Lynn Wilson at 703-597-7071 or Kate Abrahams at 703-304-1709*

AWARDS INFORMATION:

Perennial Bloom, Newsletters, & Yearbook Award Applications– Due October 1, 2026!

Please send them to your District III Awards Co-Chairs: Nancy Moats & Jane Razeghi

Monica Anschel is the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. (NCAGC, our state unit**) 2nd Vice President** in charge of all the NCAGC Awards. She strongly urges our DIII garden clubs to begin preparing application forms to submit your **newsletter**, **yearbook**, and **perennial bloom** candidate to both *Nancy Moats* and *Jane Razeghi* who are your District III (DIII) Awards Co-Chairs. Recently, Monica has held monthly Zoom meetings & distributed a very helpful information guide 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 and convene our DIII Awards Committee which 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 2027 general DIII 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, 2026,** is the deadline for the following club submissions:

- **Newsletter** –
  - 1 submission (3 different newsletters for 2026) per club allowed – review criteria at ncagardenclubs.org (how to set up a personal account for member access is described in a previous **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, 2026
- **Yearbooks** –
  - 1 submission per club allowed and 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, 2026 – **December 31, 2026** are the designated eligible dates for any projects 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

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 decide for which awards you want to apply. Some 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."

AWARDS INFORMATION (CONTINUED):

- **Perennial Bloom** Award, Oct 1st – describes the criteria. Nancy wand 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 5 (plus or minus) minutes 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 the name and contact information of your Awards Chair so that we can contact them directly with updates, assistance & encouragement. 😊

New Awards to Consider:

Do NOT send these applications to the District Chairs! These newly created awards are to be sent **directly to**: awards@ncagcgardenclubs.org

New Awards

- #36 – **Ongoing Club Project Award (2026)** For a club that has continued a previously submitted club project for 5, 10, 15+ years (in 5-year increments). $100 award. Documentation required.
- #37 – **Club Collaboration Certificate (2026)** For two or more clubs that have collaborated on a project, program, or activity. Special emphasis is given to the number of club members participating. Documentation required.
- #38 – **Increasing Membership Award (2026)** For a club that increases their membership numbers by the largest percentage from last year to this calendar year. $100 award. Documentation required. Special emphasis is given to creative techniques for attracting new members.

More details to come.

UPDATED NGC *HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS*, 2017 NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE:

The latest 2026 revisions in the NGC *Handbook* have just been published. Please review these changes carefully since they may affect how your flower show schedule should be written in future. The NGC Schools Database contains the updated *Handbook* and is now free for all to use. Go to ngcschools.org. Begin the process by going to "Access Your Account" where you can establish an account using your email as the User ID. You will receive a temporary password, and then, be contacted by email to change the password yourself. The temporary password will give you access to the website to complete your profile information immediately and access the revised *Handbook.*

District III Calendar

Oct. 13, 2026
D2 Holiday Flower Show "Bewitched Botanicals" 1:30 – 4 p.m. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, West Springfield, VA

Oct. 19-20, 2026
With Bus Tour on 10/21, Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs (CAR-SGC) Conference, "Ohio-The Heart of It All", Holiday Inn Independence, Ohio Registration open now. Visit www.car-sgc.org/2026-conference

October 28, 2026
Tri-Council Meeting Landscape, Environ, Gardening Councils, Environmental Program, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3510 Meredith Dr. Fairfax, VA

Nov. 9, 2026
District I fundraiser

Nov. 12, 2026
NCAGC Judges' Council and District I present "Morning of Design" Floral Demonstration Event. Cheverly Community Center, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD 10 a.m. $10 Donation requested.

General Meeting Minutes
District III
National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. (NCAGC)
Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna VA
March 26, 2026

1. Program – After social time concluded at 10 a.m., Kate Abrahams, District III Director and Jane Razeghi, Assistant District III Director, introduced the speaker, Laura Hatcher, retired Navy veteran and Alexandria-based professional portrait photographer. Her program was titled "en Photography Made Simple." After her interesting program about how to take better photos, especially with a cell phone camera, a fifteen minute break was taken before the general business meeting started. Laura provided a sheet summarizing the points of her presentation to all the attendees and bookmarks with her contact information.

2. Call to Order - The Spring general meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by District Director Kate Abrahams. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by District III Treasurer Jennifer Francois which was followed by the attendees reciting the National Garden Clubs' Conservation Pledge. Kate read two garden themed entries from "A Gardener's Bouquet of Quotations."

Kate thanked Centreville, Country Hills, Fairfax Ferns and Five Hills Garden Clubs for providing wonderful hospitality for the meeting. She noted that the D3 Board would provide hospitality for the September, 2026 Fall meeting since the June meeting would be part of the NCAGC All District Leadership Conference at the Congressional Country Club.

Kate thanked Camelot Garden Club member and former District III Treasurer Chris Getek for taking notes at the meeting since the District III Secretary position is still vacant.
Centreville Garden Club

b. Joyce Skoglund, NCAGC First VP and Membership Chair and former District III Director. Joyce reported that Clubs have been paying their NCAGC dues in a timely way. She has enjoyed visiting the various clubs.

c. Cherie Lejeune, NCAGC Communications Chair, former President of NCAGC and former Director, District III.

d. Cheryl Cass, NCAGC Secretary. Cheryl sold 75th anniversary scarves for $40 and tickets to the upcoming June 2 Leadership Conference for $25.00 at the District III meeting.

4. District III Officer Reports

a. Kate Abrahams, Director

Kate reminded Clubs to provide outstanding program info to Camelot GC President Cindy Davis. She is compiling a list of outstanding programs to post on the NCAGC website for all to use when researching programs. Clubs are encouraged to add their favorite program info to the online survey form that Cindy developed.

Kate provided information on the upcoming District III flower " And for These Thy Gifts: Celebrating 250 Years of Family Gardens that will be held on April 25-26, 2026 as a part of the Town of Vienna's "Walk on the Hill" historic neighborhood tour event. The show will be held at Green Hedges School in Vienna and open to the public on Sunday April 26 from 1 – 5 p.m. She noted that more exhibitors and workers are needed.

b. Jennifer Francois, Treasurer

Jennifer reported on the balance of the Truist Bank checking account was $6,007.08 as of 2/26/26.

District III 2027 Calendar

Nov. 18, 2026
Judges Council Meeting, 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church 7426 Idylwood Rd. Falls Church, VA

February 10, 2027
Tri-Council Meets Via Zoom. Vote on Officer Slate and Program

March 17, 2027
Judges' Council Meeting

March 25, 2027
District III Spring Meeting, Meadowlark Botanical Garden's Atrium Building 9:30 a.m. Social time, meeting at 10 a.m.
Vienna, VA

April 6, 2027
NCAGC Spring Meeting Admin. Building, 10:30 a.m. Meeting begins at 11 a.m., US Natl Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave. NE Washington D.C.

April 7, 2027
Tri-Council Installation of new Officers. Location TBD

April, 2027
Judges' Council Installation of new Officers, TBD

General Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2026 NCAGC District III (continued)

c. In the absence of a District III Secretary, the Director asked for a vote to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2025 District III general meeting. The minutes were approved as written and previously distributed in the February, 2026 District III newsletter.

5. District III Committee Chair Reports

a. Jane Razeghi , Awards Co-Chair

(1) District III 2025 Awards were presented to Club yearbook and newsletter award winners.

(2) The Clubs' Perennial Bloom nominees were introduced by Club Presidents, congratulated and given certificates and floral arrangements. The five nominees were:
Diane Thacker, Camelot Garden Club
Nancy Walker, Five Hills Garden Club
Kathleen Paton, Haymarket Town and Country Garden Club
Patricia Frye, McLean Hamlet Garden Club
George Ruppert, Rock Spring Garden Club

(3) Rock Spring Garden Club received a 2025 CAR-SGC Flower Show Schedule award for its Flower Show "Beatles in the Garden."

Note: Yearbook and Newsletter Awards info is listed on page 9 of the newsletter.

b. Debbie Wagaman, Membership Chair, reminded clubs that there was still time to apply for a $100 District III Grant. The deadline was April 1st, 2026 with report due on May 31st describing how the grant was used to benefit the Club. Debbie conducted the drawing for the $25 Merrifield gift certificate door prize.

6. Announcements

Registration is open for NGC Gardening School Course 2 Thursday – April 9-10 at the Agricultural History Farm Park Extension Building, Derwood, MD This course is offered in collaboration with the Montgomery County Master Gardeners. Contact gs@ncagardenclubs.org for more information.

NCAGC Spring Meeting, 75th Anniversary Celebration with Paige Canfield floral design program, US National Arboretum Administration Building Auditorium, 3501 New York Ave. NE, Washington, D. April 14th 10:30 a.m.

NGC Landscape Design Course 4, will be offered Monday-Tuesday on April 27-28 at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Drive, Fairfax, VA Contact lds@ncagardenclubs.org if interested.

The June District III Presidents' Coffee meeting will be replaced with the June 2 All District Leadership Conference at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland. Tickets are $25 which includes lunch and presentation by local metereologist Doug Kammerer. Checks are payable to NCAGC. To register visit anniversary@ncagardenclubs.org.

District III Calendar

May 6-7, 2027
District III Overnight Bus Trip to Mt. Cuba Center/ Winterthur Gardens Museum, Hokessin, DE

May 13-17, 2027
National Garden Club (NGC) Convention, Madison, WI

May 26, 2027
Tri-Council Picnic Location TBD

June 24, 2027
District III Presidents' Coffee Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Atrium Building, lower level. 9750 Meadowlark Ct., Vienna, VA

Oct. 17-20, 2027
NCAGC Hosts CAR-SGC Conference in Arlington, VA at Marriott Renaissance Hotel (Crystal City) Dawn Reynolds-Olson, Chair Contact her CAR2027chair@ncagardenclubs.org for info and to volunteer to help.

General Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2027 District III (continued)

Upcoming NCAGC and Plant Society Flower Shows :
Centennial Garden Club, Manassas April 9
Washington Daffodil Society, April11
Haymarket Town and Country Garden Club, Haymarket April 14
Norbeck Manor April 16
Five Hills April 21
District III Flower Show April 26
Tanta-Cove May 6
Rock Spring Garden Club, May 21
Judges Council June 17

7. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.
Kate Abrahams
District III Director
Reviewed by Chris Getek

Request to All District III Clubs for Updates and News
Please share any contact updates/ changes to your Club's Executive Board and Award Chairs with District III so new leaders will receive the District III newsletter and emails. Thank you for sharing this info to keep District III and NCAGC up to date.

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 for the Winter issue of the **District III Digest** to Kate Abrahams at cnabythesea@gmail.com. The deadline is February 28, 2027.

Upcoming District III Flower Shows
Please let your District Board know if your club is planning a Standard or Small-Standard flower show in 2026-2027. 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@ncagardenclt

SUMMARY	08/01/2025 - 03/26/2026				
Beginning Balance:	6926.41				
Receipts	$ 557.95				
Expenses	$ 1,577.28				
Balance on hand:	$ 5,907.08				
INS and OUTS	**08/01/2025 - 03/26/2026**				
Posted Date	**Transaction Type**	**Description**	**Budget Source**	**Amount**	**Daily Posted Balance**
8/1/25					**$ 6,926.41**
09/15/2025	Bank Check	Check #7007582	303 Room Rental (Meadowlark)	$ 477.00	$ 6,449.41
10/01/2025	Debit	DIII Mtg Keynote Speaker	208 Programs	$ 250.00	$ 6,199.41
11/12/2025	Debit	Kate Abrahams	204 Hospitality ($31.29)	$ 57.33	$ 6,142.08
			102 Director ($26.04)		
11/25/2025	Debit	Checkbook re-order	105 Treasurer	$ 42.95	$ 6,099.13
12/11/2025	Check #802	Great Falls Garden Club	206 Grants for Club	$ 100.00	$ 5,999.13
12/12/2025	Check #801	Rock Spring Garden Club	206 Grants for Club	$ 100.00	$ 5,899.13
12/30/2025	Check #800	Five Hills Garden Club	206 Grants for Club	$ 100.00	$ 5,799.13
01/16/2026	Deposit	Judges Council	002 NCAGC Rebate	$ 515.00	$ 6,314.13
01/27/2026	Check #804	Haymarket Garden Club	206 Grants for Club	$ 100.00	$ 6,214.13
02/03/2026	Check #840	Christ Evangelical	306 Donations (Room Use for Judge's Council)	$ 150.00	$ 5,964.13
02/03/2026	Check #803	McLean Hamlet Garden Club	206 Grants for Club	$ 100.00	$ 5,964.13
2/26/26	Deposit	Checkbook re-order	105 Treasurer	$ 42.95	$ 6,007.08
3/5/26	Check #820	Camelot Garden Club	206 Grants for Club	$ 100.00	$ 5,907.08
Balance as of 3/26/2026		**RECONCILED with bank statement**			**$ 5,907.08**
Upcoming:					
3/26/26	Check #805	DIII Mtg Keynote Speaker	208 Programs	$ 250.00	

SUMMARY	3/26/26-7/27/26
Beginning Balance:	$ 5,907.08
Receipts	$ 427.00
Expenses	$ (727.54)
Balance on hand:	$ 5,606.54

INS and OUTS	08/01/2025 - 02/26/2026				
Posted Date	**Transaction Type**	**Description**	**Budget Source**	**Amount**	**Daily Posted Balance**
3/26/26					**$ 5,907.08**
3/27/26	Check #805	DIII Mtg Keynote Speaker	208 Programs	$ (250.00)	
3/31/26	Deposit	NCAGC Dues Return		$ 427.00	
4/2/26	Zelle Reimbursement	Nancy Moats - Supplies for Awards	201 Awards	$ (76.17)	
4/21/26	Check #975004	Fairfax Ferns Garden. Club	206 Grants for Club	$ (100.00)	
4/22/26	Check #975005	Country Hills Garden Club	206 Grants for Club	$ (100.00)	
4/30/26	Zelle Reimbursement	Nancy Moats - D3 Flower Show Materials	304 Flower Show	$ (58.78)	
6/9/26	Check #806	Thea McGinnis - D3 Judges Gifts	304 Flower Show	$ (142.59)	
Balance as of 7/27/2026		**RECONCILED with bank statement**			**$ 5,606.54**
Outstanding Checks:					
7/27/26	Check #	Kate Abrahams - 9/24/26, 3/25/27, 6/24/27	303 Room Rental (Meadowlark)	$ (715.50)	
7/27/26	Check #	Kate Abrahams - Reimbursement for Installation gifts (Camelot)		$ (64.48)	
Book Balance as of 7/27/2026					**4,826.56**

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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. Visit https://gardenclub.org /member-resources

Additionally, the National Capital Area Garden Clubs (NCAGC) "Member Resources " website provides a current calendar for local NGC Flower Show, Gardening, Environmental and Landscape Design schools courses, events, and meetings. Visit https://ncagardenclubs.org and click on "Member Resources" at the top of the page. Then use your personal password to find 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 (703-409-4614 or email jc@ncagardenclubs.org).

1. Email Judges' Council Accrediting Chairman Caroline Carbaugh at cscarbaugh@verizon.net. She can refer you to judges who need additional judging credits and knows their levels of accreditation.

2. Flower Show Judges are listed in the NCAGC Directory. The current 2025-2027 Directory is available on the NCAGC website:

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.

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 current NCAGC President. You will need to set up personal user accounts with 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), a regional subset of National Garden Clubs. The 2025-2027 CAR Director is Beverly Kazickas. District III clubs are members of CAR through membership in National Capital Area Garden Clubs (NCAGC), www.car-sgc.org/.

CAR-SGC Conference Hosted by NCAGC in Arlington, Virginia in October, 2027

Our state, National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. will host the annual CAR-SGC Conference at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel in Arlington, VA, on October 17-20, 2027. Garden club members from 7 states comprising the Central Atlantic Region will be invited: Delaware, Maryland, National Capital Area Garden Clubs, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The theme of the Conference is "NCAGC – Nature is Life's True Capital." Attendees will visit notable local sites, refresh NGC school credentials, enjoy programs, floral tributes, shopping and networking with other garden club members. Contact Conference Chair Dawn Reynolds- Olson if interested in helping with planning, volunteering and organizing this special event) CAR2027Chair @ncagardenclubs.org.

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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Asst. Treasurer	Janet Hazelbaker	asst-treasurer@ncagardenclubs.org
Recording Secretary	Cheryl Cass	secretary@ncagardenclubs.org

D3 UPDATED GARDEN CLUBS 2026-2027 PRESIDENTS' AND MEETING INFO

	NCAGC District III Clubs	Club Presidents for 2026-2027	Meeting Location & Time
1	Ayr Hill Garden Club	Christina Wren 703-869-9628 clwren@verizon.net	Emmanuel Lutheran Church Vienna 4th Monday, 12:30 p.m. September - April
2	Camelot Garden Club	Cindy Davis 703-282-6840 cinddavis@gmail.com	Camelot Elementary School Annandale 2nd Wed, 7:00 pm, (except Dec) September – November & January - May
3	Centreville Garden Club	Jennifer Thorpe (240) 462-2939 jenthorpe@cox.net centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com	Sully Government Center, Police Chantilly, 2rd Monday. 7 pm
4	Country Hills Garden Club	Susan Pepin 703-352-7261 571-235-1064 (cell) susansgarden131@gmail.com	Members' Homes Fairfax 2nd Tuesday, 10 am, September - June
5	Fairfax Ferns Garden Club	Judy Radwanski 201-362-4576 Judy.radwanski@gmail.com	2nd Mondays, 7-9 pm, City of Fairfax September – June Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
6	Five Hills Garden Club	Valerie Warriner 703-507-2362 wwarriner@aol.com	Vienna Presbyterian Church 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 am, September - June
7	Five Seasons Gardeners	Mary Anne Barton 571-225-0345 wbill@bellatlantic.net	Members' Homes (typically meet 5 times a year) 3rd Thursdays (usually), September, December, February, April, July

8	**Great Falls Garden Club**	**Theresa Coutu Co-President** 571-296-6453 **Candace Campbell Co-President** 703- 867-2966 greatfallsgardenclub@gmail.com	**Great Falls Library, 2nd Thursday** **September - June**

9	**Haymarket Town and Country Garden Club**	**Bev Krantz** 703-608-1470 HTCGardenclub.president@gmail.com Use above email for **g**arden club business, Bkrantz5@yahoo.com for personal email	**Prince William Fire Station Haymarket** **2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.,** **September - May**
10	**Manassas Garden Club**	**Carole Potts** 703-973-6125 sendcpmail@yahoo.com	**Members' homes or other locations.** **4th Tuesday, 12 p.m.** **September - May**
11	**McLean Hamlet Garden Club**	**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 Garden Club**	**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)**

