NCAGC *In the Know* October 2026

Happy October 1st!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

What a September! So many wonderful events! We began the month with each District holding a fantastic meeting! Then we transitioned from the District III Meeting to staging for our State Flower Show at the National Arboretum (see the recap on Page 3). We closed out the month on Tuesday with a fun State Meeting honoring Club Anniversaries and Life Members with our program from Great Falls Garden Club member JC Chamberlain! Stay tuned for a video offer of his program! Thank you to Laurel Garden Club members Vicki Gowin, Janet Hazelbaker and Vivine Drash for sharing their photos of NCA's Blue Star Memorials they visited over the summer!

Our fabulous Anne Dremluk has worked tirelessly as Communications Chair to share the wonderful happenings in NCAGC on our **NCAGC's Facebook Page** - please use the communications@ncagardenclubs.org email address for sharing photos with her to post.

I will encourage everyone to answer the phone when a Nominating Committee member calls. The State, District, and Councils need your support to continue all the work and events in Garden Club!

District II/III Bus Trip has some spots still available for the Thursday, October 8th trip to Lewis Ginter and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts - there are quite a few NCAGC members who will be designers in the Fine Arts and Flowers event that this trip is going to see! All welcome to attend!

See you on November 12th at Morning of Design (see page 2).

Thank you for all you do!!!!
Danielle

The NCAGC Nominating Committee continues to look for individuals who would like to guide NCA for the next two, four or 6 years!
Check out information on our website Nominating page!

STANDING RULES Survey

Please share your insight and thoughts as NCA's Organizational Studies and Parliamentarian coordinate efforts to review and draft revisions of NCAGC's Standing Rules.
We have created a Google form **survey** to gather your insights and suggestions. Please complete this survey on or before 10/3/2026.
We look forward to learning from you.
- Tina Foutz, NCAGC Parliamentarian.

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UPCOMING NCAGC EVENTS

Monthly President's Meeting - October 12th and 16th, 2026

Topic: Understanding the NCAGC Insurance benefit for clubs and accessing the Members Resources section of the NCAGC website (ncagardenclubs.org)

October 12, 2026 at 10:00 am - https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89816765438?pwd=I3E7NTVNQoO8SdLJ7objy4RQabCUY7.1

October 16, 2026 at 4:00 pm - https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87358904739?pwd=4KddHEdOQrHjtFGkb50RdxaHcLOIrg.1

Link to the President's Zoom minutes

Bewitched Botanicals - October 13th, 2026

District II Flower Show Open to Public 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Rd, West Springfield, VA

Flower Show Schedule

Morning of Design - November 12th, 2026

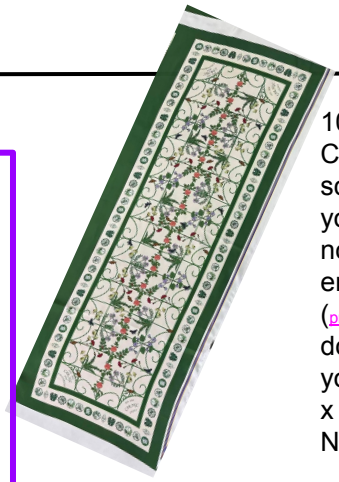
Judges Council and District I sponsoring

Cheverly Community Center, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD

MoD Flyer

Central Atlantic Region (CAR) News

NCAGC is well represented for the Ohio 2026 Conference! Dawn Reynolds-Olson and Cheryl Cass are the 2027 Conference Co-Chairs and have planned some fun promotions to share with our six Sister states to bring everyone to Washington DC! Please reserve October 18-20, 2027 for CAR on your calendar to support NCA's turn at hosting this exciting event!



10th Anniversary Scarf for CAR-SGC! Cost is $55. The scarves will be sold in Ohio. If you are interested in a scarf but not planning to go to Ohio, please email Danielle (president@ncagardenclubs.org) and she will do her best to secure a scarf for you. They are 100% silk and 20" x 60" which is longer than the NCA 75th Anniversary scarf.

Donations to:

Fern Valley, Friendship Garden, President's Project, Scholarship and Washington Youth Garden

made out: NCAGC

mailed to: NCAGC Assistant Treasurer Janet Hazelbaker
6211 Sudley Church Court
Fairfax Station, VA 22039-1225

Sponsors of NCAGC 🥰

We have had some returning and new sponsors for our June 2nd event!

Ashby Jewelers		Royal Global Travel
Trader Joe's	Bottle Go	Merrifield Garden Center
Wegmans	Harmony Harvest Farm	Stadler's Nursery
East-to-West Embroidery	Meadows Farms	Whole Foods Market - Springfield Plaza

October 6, 2026

Join the NCAGC Virtual Garden Club for a presentation on the Night Sky. 7:00 pm

Register for this Zoom meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/N8SJVdJ5RKySH8bX9nMY6g

Congratulations to Estelle, Anita and all the Committee chairs on a very successful 75th Anniversary Flower Show! Anita Brown (Rock Spring Garden Club) and Estelle Noone (Gardeners of the Junior League of Washington DC) lead a fabulous team. The Designs were lovely, the Botanical Arts Jewelry and Photography were stellar and the Horticulture was pristine! The Educational Exhibits were impressive and Paige Canfield incorporated plant material reflective of my theme of *PLANT AMERICA*: Seeding Our Future to create her superb design. Enjoy these photos shared by Flower Show Photographer Maryam Zolecki - official photo album.

Thank you to Rock Spring Garden Club for being the club having the most entries and supporting Co-Chair Anita! Thank you to the Gardeners of the Junior League of Washington for supporting Co-Chair Estelle as well as Robin Hammer, Hospitality Chair by bringing cake and coffee on Sunday morning. Everyone enjoyed the special treat!



Thank you Garden Club of Waynewood and Woodmoor Garden Club for encouraging Youth Photography!



Special guests at the show were the Mclean Community Center, Seniors In Action Garden Club, who organized a bus trip to attend. This was their first flower show and their first visit at the National Arboretum!

We also had a visit from Millie Murphree of America in Bloom, members of Green Walled Garden Club in Frederick who are planning a show, and many more!

Two reporters from the *Washington Gardener* magazine attended! Keep your eyes peeled for an article!

National Garden Clubs has announced the Schools Record Portal is now free to all members! If you have taken a course in any NGC School, this information should be captured in the portal. Please take a minute to follow these directions and check out your records!

www.ngcschools.org

From the home page, you can also find out which courses are available.

GARDENING COURSES	ENVIRONMENTAL COURSES
FLOWER SHOW COURSES	LANDSCAPE DESIGN COURSES
SYMPOSIUMS	MULTIPLE REFRESHERS (BI/TRI REFRESHERS)

ACCESSING YOUR ACCOUNT

Select **USER LOGIN**

- Your NGC Schools username is your email address.
- If you are unable to log in, NGC may not have the correct email address on file for you.
- Please **CLICK HERE** to request account access. Be sure to provide a valid email address to receive your updated credentials.
- If your email address is already on file, you can reset your password from the log-in page.

ONCE YOU HAVE LOGGED IN

- Update your profile if necessary
- View School Activity - Academic Standing and Course Activity Log
- View ALL school resources including the Flower Show School Handbook (which can be downloaded).

Affiliate Event





NAOHIRO KASUYA, HEADMASTER
Ichiyo School of Ikebana, Tokyo, Japan

From the 6th to the 21st Century: Ikebana Meets Anime

IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL 70th ANNIVERSARY 1956 – 2026 WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER NO. 1

OCTOBER 10
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Sheraton Reston Hotel
11810 Sunrise Valley
Reston VA

Tickets on sale July 15 at
http://bit.ly/44gpRKR

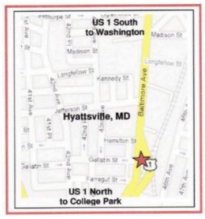
District I Day

Monday, November 9, 2026
11:00 am - 9:00 pm

FRANKLINS
Restaurant • Brewery • General Store

The unique **Franklin's Restaurant, Brewery, and General Store** is foremost a family restaurant, although it was Prince George's County's first brew pub. It is known throughout the Washington DC and Maryland area as a place to visit. Franklin's serves up inventive dishes and American fare at reasonable prices. The adjoining general store stocks plenty of penny candy, toys, and magic items, and funky, kitschy, and useful finds for all ages - a great place to shop for the gifts of the upcoming holidays!

On Route 1
5123 Baltimore Avenue
Hyattsville, MD
301-927-2740





A District I Fundraiser that is fun for all! Invite your friends to join you! The casual atmosphere is kid friendly, accepts credit cards and has a city parking lot adjacent for easy parking. The parking is quite reasonable during the day.
When anyone pays for food, drinks and/or merchandise, just mention "District I" and Franklin's will donate 20% of the receipt.*

*excludes tax and tip

For more information check out
www.franklinsbrewery.com/

Ayr Hill Garden Club 2026 Online Bulb Sale

Order pickup will be at the Freeman Store and Museum on October 17, 24 and 31 from 10am to 2pm.

Email us if you have questions on your order pickup.

Shop now

Freeman Store and Museum
131 Church St NE, Vienna, VA 22180

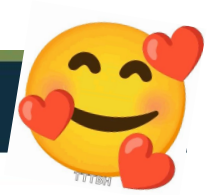
HAYMARKET TOWN AND COUNTRY *Garden Club*

HOLIDAY SHOPPE

NOVEMBER 20 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
NOVEMBER 21 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

COMMUNITY HALL AT
EVERGREEN FIRE STATION 15
3510 JAMES MADISON HIGHWAY
HAYMARKET, VA 20169

Upcoming NGC Grant Deadlines



www.gardenclub.org/awards-and-grants

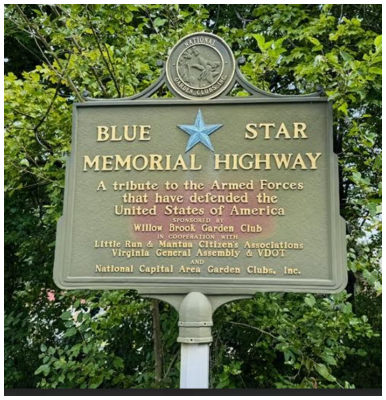
A NEW National Garden Club award for a club holding their first flower show.
Check out: **Blooming Beginnings**

Visit **Blue Star** markers this summer! Take a photo with the marker and submit your collage of photos to participate in the NCA September Meeting Raffle!

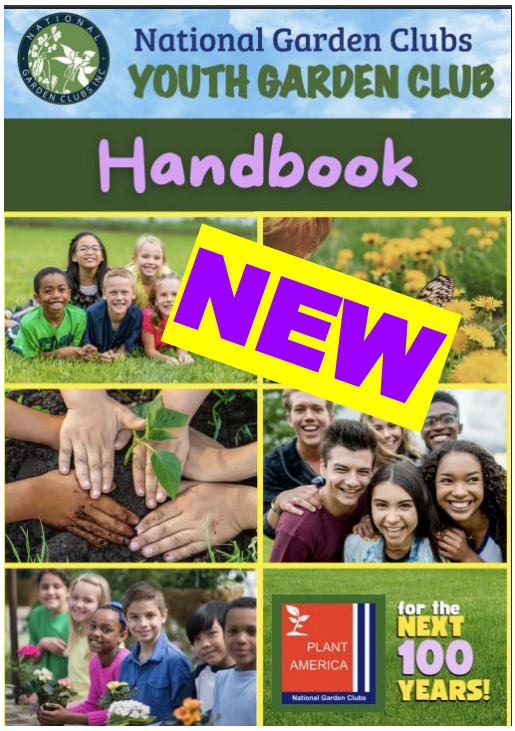
Just a few highlights from Vicki, Janet and Vivian's exploration of Blue Stars in District II











YOUTH CONTESTS



Youth Recycled Sculpture Contest
Due to NCA Youth Chair by November 1st