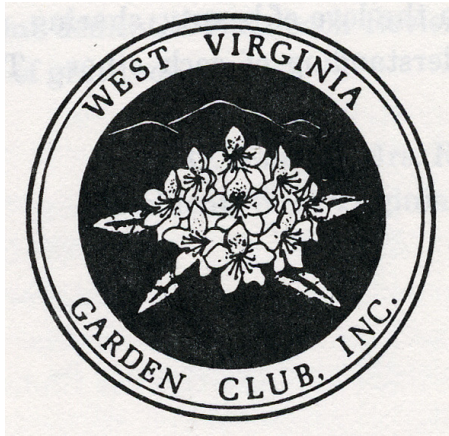


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Our heavenly Father, who created every flower, tree, and shrub, we give Thee thanks. By Thy Grace, through us, may the beauty of gardens and nature be shared with all mankind. Let us serve with open minds and warm hearts determined always to seek the best. Let us lose self in the love of beauty, sharing, and service. Make us tolerant and understanding of each other. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mrs. Percy Gillie

FOREWORD

Ever mindful of our commitment and responsibility to you, our members, the West Virginia Garden Club's Board of Directors is proud to present this seventh edition of the West Virginia Garden Club Handbook for your use.

The guidelines set forth in this new edition will be helpful in meeting your club needs for information on garden club procedure necessary to guide our organization on a path of continued success.

Pertinent additions, revisions and clarifications were made with the utmost care by our dedicated Handbook Revisions Committee, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. Special appreciation is expressed to June Ashworth and Emily Shirey for their computer skills, which so greatly facilitated the final revision and printing of the seventh edition of this handbook.

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THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION (SAR)

The framework of the National Garden Clubs is based on a plan of local garden clubs forming state garden clubs, which in turn are united to form the national organization. In order to provide closer communication between National and its member state garden clubs, the states were divided into seven regions in 1933 (now eight regions). A director was elected from these seven regions and served as vice presidents to the national president. By 1945 the policy changed; and the regional director no longer served as vice president, but remained as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors representing their various regions throughout the United States. The South Atlantic Region was divided into two regions in 1960, The Deep South and the South Atlantic Regions. Thus was created the eight regions with each having its own director.

West Virginia belongs to the South Atlantic Region, along with its sister states: Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Our Region provides better communication and closer contact with its member states to promote and coordinate the goals and projects of National. Each Region serves as a liaison between the state federations and National. The office of Regional Director and Alternate Director rotates among the five states. Each state, in turn, will provide a director and alternate every ten years.

Your Garden Club

Garden Club Council

Garden Club District

West Virginia Garden Club

South Atlantic Region

National Garden Club

ADVANTAGES OF BEING MEMBERS OF NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS (NGC), INC.

What is National Garden Clubs Inc.? It is the largest gardening organization in the world, closely unified through eight regions and fifty-one state federations (including the National Capitol District), and comprised of approximately a one hundred seventy five thousand in 2014 from every state and an equal number of International Affiliates throughout the world.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. is -

- non-profit, educational, conservationist
- Its volunteers are concerned
 - with people—young, old, handicapped, confined
 - with all aspects of gardening and landscaping
 - with beautification of our homes, communities and roadsides
 - with the wise use and protection of our natural resources
 - with preservation and restoration

Why would your club and you belong to National Garden Clubs Inc.? Because thousands of clubs across the nation joined together in a unifying organization can achieve so much more than a single club or non-federated club.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. can

- give you direction in gardening and environmentally related goals
- share knowledge and provide continuing education and expertise in gardening-related activities
- give you overall programs and educational projects, research and activate specific interests
- give you new friends and expand your horizon
- give you Environmental Schools, Flower Show Schools, Gardening Study Courses, and Landscape Design Schools, so that you become nationally accredited authorities.

Where is National Garden Clubs, Inc. headquarters

located: 4401 Magnolia Avenue
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By joining hands with clubs throughout our country, we become an effective force for good with the common goal of building a better world through gardening and related activities.

**THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING A MEMBER OF
WEST VIRGINIA GARDEN CLUB (WVGC), INC.**

Why should you and your club belong to the West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.? Because hundreds of clubs across our state, joined together in a large, unified organization, can achieve so much more than a single club.

As a member of West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

You can combine your efforts to accomplish more than a single club to conserve resources,

Protect the environment, beautify communities,

Promote litter control and protect the state and the nation,

Belong to National Garden Clubs, Inc. representing the largest group of organized gardeners in the world.

Develop your own club programs, projects, and activities.

Participation in state and national projects is voluntary.

Receive copies of "WV Garden News."

Have available to you a source of continuing education through -

State flower show schools, symposiums, environmental studies schools, Gardening studies courses, landscape design schools, and Wildflower Pilgrimages, which provide knowledge and fun.

National Garden Clubs accreditation in nationally approved schools, programs, and workshops may be awarded.

Be inspired and informed through state, district and council meetings,

Support our youth and conduct projects and programs of mutual interest through conservation camps, scholarships, state life membership scholarships, and other youth activities.

Secure programs and lecture papers for programs, workshops, and projects upon advance request from state Audio/Visual Programs Chairman.

Conduct or support garden therapy projects.

Participate in World Gardening.

Improve West Virginia through civic, roadside and environmental development and litter and recycling projects.

Be rewarded for club and individual efforts through state, regional and national awards offered annually.

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Learn by exchanging ideas and information with fellow gardeners through club programs, workshops and home gardening practices.

Take advantage of available ways and means projects promoted by WVGC.

Learn new ideas and “how to” methods and other projects from valuable information provided by state officers and chairmen.

Enjoy fellowship, make friends, and share gardening and nature with persons who have the same interests.

KEY----

NGC = *National Garden Clubs, Inc.*

SAR = *South Atlantic Region*

WVGC = *West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.*

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