

# NEWS

Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa

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Spring/Convention

2026





**Federated Garden Club of Iowa, Inc.**

President: Shirley Wolf

“Our Pollinators Still Need Help”

**MEMBER OF**



**Central Region Garden Clubs, Inc.**

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Director: Rene Lynch

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	<b>NEWS Deadlines</b>
	Summer July 20 <sup>th</sup> (online)
	Fall August 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept print
	Winter Dec 20 <sup>th</sup> (online)
	Spring Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> March Print

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<https://federatedgardenclubsofiowa.com>

Scan QR code with smart phone camera  
and you will be directed to our web page



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Shirley Wolf, State President of Garden Clubs of Iowa 2025-2027**  
**Theme "Our Pollinators Still Need Help"**



Wow! "Spring of 2026" How fast time flies. Time to get ready for gardening, planting flowers and flower shows! As we enter this vibrant season, let's remember the crucial role pollinators play in our gardens and local ecosystems. By choosing native plants and reducing pesticide use, we can create a welcoming environment that supports bees, butterflies, and other essential pollinators. The state flower show will be June 15<sup>th</sup> in Jefferson at the Wild Rose Casino. It is a petite, Patriotic flower show "America the Beautiful". It

was a change in plans to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States of America in a way we know best, design with flowers. Bring your horticulture or designs and spend your afternoon in Jefferson, there are many things to do. Visit [Jeffersonmatters.org](http://Jeffersonmatters.org) for local attractions and activities."

The meeting will be on June 16<sup>th</sup>, details are in this newsletter.



## Spring Board Meeting

March 11th at 10:30 am  
Perkins in Fort Dodge, IA

511 S 32nd St  
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Please RSVP to **Shirley**



## Federated Garden Club of Iowa Officers 2025-2027



**President**  
**Shirley Wolf**

**President - Elect**  
**Jean Klosterman**

**1 Vice President & Awards Chair**  
**Peg Egertsen**

**2 Vice President**  
**Angie Wilkins**

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**Heidi Folkestad**

**Secretary**  
**Sue Becker**

### FGCI District Directors

District I - Marianna Haas

District II - Ruth Hamilton

District III - Teri Ewers

District IV,V,VII - Shirley Wallace

District VI - Shirleen Helgeson

District VIII - Mike Becker

# State Convention Information

## Convention Notices

### Hotel Accommodations

#### Cobblestone Hotels

This is connected to the Wild Rose Casino (with the meeting room between).

771 Wild Rose Lane  
Jefferson, IA 50129  
North of Hwy 30

**No rooms reserved**

Room rate 151.99 + Taxes  
Discount \$15 (**Code: Book15**)  
515-386-3535

**Super 8**  
515-383-2464  
(South across Hwy. 30)

#### Ways & Means

Club members registering to attend the convention are urged to bring items for the Ways and Means table. Garden items, craft items and plant and seeds are of particular interest to those in attendance. Please have your items priced.



#### Silent Auction

Each District is to bring an item for the auction and individual members are welcomed to contribute.

#### Plant A Tree (Penny Pine)

There will be a display featuring Plant a Tree program. You will have an opportunity to contribute if you so desire, this has been a successful on-going project of the FGCI for a number of years. Together we can help continue to make this project a success.



#### Club members Memorials

There will be a time to honor and remember Federated Garden Club Members who have passed during the last year. If your Club desires to remember a deceased member please send the names to FGCI President elect-Jean Klosterman Contact information on page 3 of this NEWS



# State Convention Information

## 97<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention Federated garden Clubs of Iowa (Tentative) Schedule

**Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
(Will be open by 8:00)**

- 10:00am-3:00pm Flower Show exhibits accepted  
All entries **must** be in place by 3PM
- 11:30 am All judges meeting
- 3:30 pm Show committee meeting, judges and clerks
- 4:00 pm Judging of all flower show entries

**Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

- 8:30-9:30 am Annual Meeting Registration and Reception  
*Coffee and fellowship Admire flower show Shop Ways and Means  
Bid on Silent Auction Items Check out Plant a Tree*
- 9:30 am Welcome, Introductions, Presidents address, and Select  
Committee Reports
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:30 am Speaker: Chris Deal "Deals Orchard"
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 1:00 pm Speaker- Rene Lynch "Regional Director"
- 2:00 pm Business Meeting
- 3:00 pm Adjourn

### Business Meeting Notice

*As soon as possible-* please contact  
FGCI President Shirley Wolf or  
FGCI secretary Sue Becker with  
any NEW BUSINESS to be  
discussed during the afternoon  
session (June 16<sup>th</sup>)



# Calendar of Events

FGCI Spring Board Meeting	March 11th
Garden Gala Knoxville Garden Club	April 11
District I Annual Meeting	April 13th
District VIII Annual Meeting	April 18th
Earth Day	April 22nd
Arbor Day	April 24th
District II and III Annual Meeting	April 24th
District VI Annual Meeting	April 28th
Green Thumb Garden Club Plant sale	May 2nd
National Convention in St Louis, MO	May 4-6
Plant and Garden Sale Ackworth Garden Club	May 9th
District IV, V and VII Annual Meeting	June 1st
97th Annual FGCI Flower Show and Meeting	June 15-16
Deadline for Summer News (ONLINE)	July 20th
Central Region Convention (Virtual Event) Hosted By Michigan Federated Garden Clubs	October 5-6



## Announcements

### Notice Address Changes

Please note the post office does not forward this publication.

Please send to State  
Treasurer  
Heidi Folkstad

If you winter or summer  
please  
let her know the changes.

Circle of Roses form Due April 1st



Information and form are on the Website

### District Annual Meeting

District I Annual Meeting	Muscatine will host	April 13th
District VIII Annual Meeting	In Hinton at 2 pm	April 18th
District II and III Annual Meeting	Presbyterian Church, Independence, IA	April 24th
District VI Annual Meeting	Trinity Lutheran Church in Webster City.	April 28th
District IV, V and VII Annual Meeting	Conservation Building at East Lake just east of Osceola on 169	June 1st

# Announcements

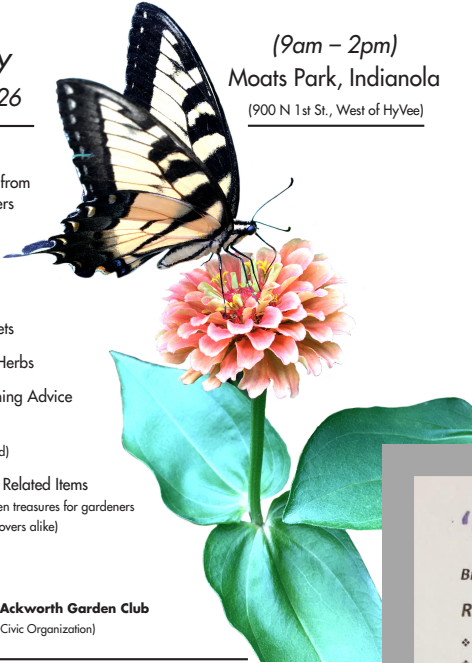
## PLANT SALE & GARDEN TREASURES

*Saturday*  
May 9, 2026

(9am – 2pm)  
Moats Park, Indianola  
(900 N 1st St., West of HyVee)

- Quality Plants from Local Gardeners
- Annuals and Perennials
- House Plants
- Hanging Baskets
- Vegetables & Herbs
- Expert Gardening Advice
- Garden Art (new & gently used)
- Many Garden Related Items (gently used garden treasures for gardeners and casual plant lovers alike)

**Sponsored by Ackworth Garden Club**  
(A Local Non-Profit Civic Organization)



Need a guest speaker

Brian, president of the Central Iowa Orchid Society, is willing to do presentations on orchids. They have a 20 minute video on orchids too. You can contact them through their website

<https://centraliowaorchidsociety.org/>

## 'Garden Gala' 2026

Brought to you by Knoxville Federated Garden Club

Registration includes:

- ◆ Morning coffee & pastries
- ◆ Speakers
- ◆ Vendors for shopping
- ◆ Lunch



Saturday, April 11, 2026; Doors open at 8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Dyer-Hudson Hall, Marion County Fairgrounds, Knoxville, Iowa



"Cheap Tricks Gardening: 'Cause You Don't Need to Spend a Fortune for Fabulous" — Lisa Hinzman Howard

Lisa Hinzman Howard has served as a certified Master Gardener volunteer with Iowa State University Extension since 2011. She is an author, blogger, speaker, consultant and frequent podcast guest who helps gardeners of all experience levels enjoy the pleasures of gardening. Lisa founded Midwest Garden Gal, LLC in 2016. She offers classes and consultations and shares garden tips ranging from practical to the unexpected through her blog and free newsletter. Her first book, Cheap Tricks Gardening: 'Cause You Don't Need to Spend a Fortune for Fabulous, was published in 2022. Follow Lisa at [midwestgardengal.com](http://midwestgardengal.com) and on major social media platforms at Midwest Garden Gal.



"Native Landscaping" — Myriam Lafreniere-Landry

Myriam first encountered the Tallgrass Native Prairie in 2015 when she moved from Quebec to Iowa. It was love at first sight! Now, her backyard is filled with native plants at every corner. When she is not tending to her garden, Myriam works as a watershed coordinator for the Mahaska County Soil and Water Conservation District. In collaboration with local partner organizations, she has established several native gardens around Oskaloosa. Throughout her gardening journey, she has learned valuable lessons about planting and caring for native plants, some of which came the hard way. Myriam is always happy to share her plant stories, complete with her unmistakable French-Canadian accent!



"Native Plants and Wildlife" — Adam Janke

Adam Janke is an Associate Professor in the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management at Iowa State University and the state wildlife extension specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. He holds degrees in Wildlife Conservation from Purdue, Ohio State, and South Dakota State and does education and research on wildlife habitat in all the places people and wildlife live together.

**RESERVATIONS:** \$45/person (non-refundable). Includes morning coffee, lunch, speakers, and vendors for shopping.  
**DEADLINE:** March 27, 2026 with no late registrations or walk-ins accepted.  
**PAYMENT:** Checks payable to: Knoxville Federated Garden Club. Mailed to: PO Box 645, Knoxville, IA 50138  
**QUESTIONS:**

## Green Thumb Garden Club Fun in the Sun Plant & Treasures Sale

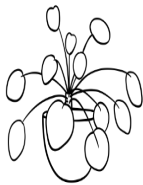
Worth County Fair Grounds Floral Hall

May 2, 2026 9am- 12 Noon Northwood, IA

Door Prizes Coffee & bars/cookies

Items for Sale

- Perennials
- Annuals
- Hosta
- House Plants
- Shrubs
- Books
- Pots/Vases
- Garden treasures
- Other Treasures
- Garden gloves, hats, and aprons



# Districts and Clubs

## DISTRICT I

KEOKUK GARDEN CLUB  
 MUSCATINE GARDEN CLUB  
 TIPTON GARDEN CLUB

**Marianna Haas, Director**  
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 Muscatine, IA 52761  
 mai4haas@gmail.com  
 563-262-8846

## DISTRICT IV, V, VII

ACKWORTH GARDEN CLUB  
 AFTON GARDEN CLUB  
 AMES GARDEN CLUB  
 BAXTER GARDEN CLUB  
 CENTERVILLE GARDEN CLUB  
 GRANT COUNTY SUNSHINE GARDEN CLUB  
 GREATER DES MOINES GARDEN CLUB  
 KNOXVILLE GARDEN CLUB  
 MORAVIA GARDEN CLUB  
 PELLA GARDEN CLUB  
 WOODLAND HILLS GARDEN CLUB, DES MOINES AREA

**SHIRLEY WALLACE, Director**

## DISTRICT II

GOOD EARTH GARDEN CLUB, CEDAR RAPIDS  
 INDEPENDENCE GARDEN CLUB  
 TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB, DECORAH

**Ruth Hamilton, Director**

## DISTRICT VI

ESTHERVILLE GARDEN CLUB  
 FORT DODGE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUB  
 KOSSUTH AREA GARDEN CLUB, Algona  
 MADRID FEDERATED GARDEN CLUB  
 PALO ALTO GARDEN CLUB  
 TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB, WEBSTER CITY

**Shirleen Helgeson, Director**

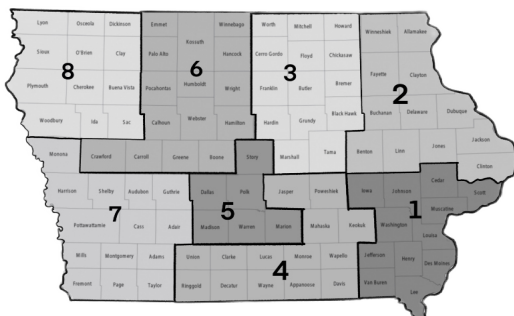
## DISTRICT III

BETTER HOMES AND GARDEN CLUB, RADCLIFFE  
 GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB, NORTHWOOD  
 MARSHALLTOWN GARDEN CLUB  
 SWALEDALE GARDEN CLUB

## DISTRICT VIII

FLOYD VALLEY FEDERATED GARDEN CLUB  
 CLAY COUNTY FEDERATED GARDEN CLUB

**Mike Becker, Director**



NGC Conservation pledge

"I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife."

# Club News

## MUSCATINE GARDEN CLUB DISTRICT I

Muscatine will start the year with a “Get to Know Us – Join Us!” table at The Art of Gardening at the Muscatine Community College, March 13, and several members will attend classes offered. On April 13, we will host our District I meeting/program (which is open to all FGCI members and the public) with Tipton and State FGCI guests, with a speaker to be determined. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, we collaborate with Muscatine Master Gardeners and the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society for our annual Plant Sale at the Environmental Learning Center. We are also planning to tour the Big Sand Mound Nature Preserve in Muscatine, which is only open to the public every three years. MidAmerican determines the Open House based on the weather and trail conditions within the Preserve. We are planning for a colorful Tour of Member and Local Gardens in June. In July many of our members plan to participate in the Muscatine County Fair Horticultural Show.

Although, we usually meet the Second Monday from April – December, we chose to leave our calendar somewhat flexible to allow for any events or opportunities that peak members’ interests. Some have talked about heading east to the National Daffodil Convention in Chicago. Some may head south to the Missouri Botanical Center and National Garden Club Headquarters. We may take advantage of the beautiful parks and preserves to picnic and enjoy each other’s company!

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Bentley, Secretary

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## Town & Country Garden Club Decorah District II

In October, 2025, Decorah Town & Country Garden Club met at the Arlin Falck Assisted Living in Decorah, providing pumpkins and art supplies for the residents to each decorate their own pumpkin. We had an excellent attendance for this activity giving the residents the opportunity to express their creativity and have a decorated pumpkin for their apartment. This is an activity our garden club offers one of our assisted living facilities annually.

In November 2025 our club had a planning meeting discussing possible programs and activities for the new year. We had five members bring exhibition tables which were judged by Roger Buhr. The variety of the tables and discussion made this an excellent shared learning activity for our members. Our club, also, made a monetary gift to the Decorah High School horticulture department in recognition of their education and work with the students.

Our club's Holiday party was held on January 13, 2026 in Decorah at Toppling Goliath. We were joined by several new members who have recently been welcomed into our club. We had a very meaningful installation of our new officers with each being given a beautiful rose after the ceremony. We are looking forward to another busy year of continued learning and contributing to our community.

Virginia Leidahl, Vice President

# Club News

## Knoxville Federated Garden Club District IV, V,VII

We met in December for our annual potluck and gift exchange. Sherrilyn made favors for all, milkweed pods painted as Santa: club officers provided table centerpieces which were then auctioned at the end of the evening. Members were recognized for having perfect attendance in 2025 and for their volunteer hours caring for the Bessie Spaur Butterfly Garden. Marj Myers, a charter member of KFGC, has been recognized as an honorary member. End of year reports were filed, budget approved and year books distributed. We are ready for 2026! The Gala committee is busy preparing for 'Garden Gala' on April 11, 2026. Speakers are Lisa Hinzman Howard "Cheap Tricks Gardening: Cause You Don't Need to Spend a Fortune for Fabulous"; Miriam Lafreniere-Landry "Native Landscaping"; Adam Janie "Native Plants and Wildlife". Vendor spaces are filled, some of our favorites returning and a few new that we are excited to welcome to gala! Members are digging out your favorite recipes! Our total membership starting 2026 is 43. We're grateful for such a fun, ambitious group. Committee meetings will soon begin making plans for the year, including garden tours and greenhouse outings, Butterfly Garden maintenance and improvements, Educational opportunities, Yard of the Month, and Habitat for Humanity house tree/bush planting, to name a few. Happy Spring to all!



Megan Stanley, Recording Secretary

## Ames Garden Club District IV,V,VII

The Ames Garden Club started the year with a demonstration and tasting of several no-knead bread recipes that members can make and enjoy at home. We also have programs lined up on peonies, insects, and a flower arranging workshop scattered among members' garden tours and a presentation of the Grow and Give Program at Reiman Gardens. We are looking forward to a flower show in June at Reiman Gardens as well. People are welcome to find us and follow us on our FaceBook page to learn more about our programs and events.

Lisa Harmison  
Ames Garden Club President



HELLO  
Spring

## Club News

### Afton Federated Garden Club District IV, V,VII

Our club does not meet in January. Friday, February 13 is our first meeting of the year. Except for our secretary, we are starting our two year term with new officers. We have some big shoes to fill, and we hope to accomplish them.

Our club will host the District IV, V, & VII Meeting, that will be held at East Lake, east of Osceola, June 1st at the Conservation Building. It will be busy the first few months of the year planning the District Meeting along with other annual activities. Those things include: taking care of the circle of roses, flower bed at the Union County Fair, cleaning the butterfly garden on the Afton Square, taking care of the flowerbeds in Lorimor and planting the 18 flower pots around the square in Afton, all this Spring! A Blue Star marker will be moved during the year to another location.

Sometime in the summer, we plan to tour some areas of interest. It's a fun time to get together seeing something different, learning and just enjoying time together. July always keeps us busy hosting the horticulture show at the Union County fairgrounds. We will most likely host our annual fall luncheon in October and have a plant sale or two throughout the summer. After each of our meetings, we have a program presented by one of our members. Then we enjoy refreshments and some social time with one another. The public is welcome.

Dixie Shinkle AFGC President

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### Woodland Hills Garden Club District IV,V,VII

The December Ladies night out was postponed twice due to weather. We finally met on January 12th on a warm night. The club normally doesn't meet in January and February. Our first meeting of 2026 will be March 9. We have ordered bedding plants for the library planters with a red, white, and blue theme.

Anne Lynam

do more  
off what  
makes you  
happy

# Club News

## Grant Sunshine Club District IV,V,VII

This is the 80th anniversary year for the Grant Sunshine Garden Club. We began the year in January with an area quilter sharing a quilt she made with each block depicting a bit of Grant history. She shared her research of each section and the process putting the project together. February brought Sacagawea to our meeting giving a presentation of her life, courage and her contributions to understanding the natural history of our country. Yet to come this year is a garden swap meet sharing books, catalogs and a show and tell of our favorite gardening tool. We have planned A trip to Arbor Day Farms, Nebraska City for a lilac tour. We will have a breakfast at Pilot Grove Park and plant swap. We plan on helping at the Montgomery County Fair, touring area gardens, growing produce and cut flowers, a trip to Lauritzen Garden, Omaha, an 80th anniversary tea party, a lesson on growing tropical and unusual plants, a surprise lesson and end the year with a Christmas party and luncheon. Sprinkled throughout the year will be bits of facts and tidbits of club history.

Wanda Johnson, Grant Sunshine Club president



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## Ft. Dodge Federated Garden Clubs District VI

The Ft. Dodge Federated Garden Clubs meets at the Lion's Den, 731 Exposition Drive, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1 pm.

Kathy Geisler, our new president, has chosen the theme "Grow" for the 2026 year. We can grow "pollinator" plants, grow new varieties, grow our membership, grow in our friendships, grow in knowledge and share what we've grown.

At our January meeting, Jan Krass, shared how to create "Repetition and Unity to our Gardens" by using the outfit that she wore. Colors, accessories, repetition, movement and harmony were her talking points.

In February, Michael Oberg from Beckers will share the new flower "picks" for 2026.

March will bring on our creative talents and we'll be making "Fairy Wands" for our upcoming plant sale in April.

Special succulent reports are given each month: Jade, Aloe and Yucca will be featured this quarter.

Looking forward to an exciting year!!

Kathy Geisler, President



# Club News

## Ackworth Garden Club News District IV,V,VII

Our December meeting was a great success with 28 member present. After our regular meeting, we enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by our own Chef, Mary Jane Miller. In addition, members participated in a cookie exchange and a gift exchange. But the highlight of the day was a garden trivia contest. We divided into five teams and after great competition, one of the five was victorious. A very fun activity and a great time was had by all. A special thank you to Charity McCauley Andeweg for sharing trivia questions that the Pella Garden Club used at their Christmas party last year.

In our January meeting, new officers were installed.  
Jennifer Messer, President,  
Lizzie Pruisner, Vice President  
Heidi Folkestad, Treasurer  
Rhonda Marchant and Crystal Repp, Co-Secretaries  
Tracy Mullins, Historian

We had a fun program led by our own Deb Willyard and learned about starting seeds in milk jugs. Many jugs were planted and we all have our fingers crossed that we will have wonderful new plants to put out in our gardens this Spring and to include in our May plant sale.

-Jenny Messer, Ackworth Garden Club President



Deb Willyard leading the Milk Jug Gardening presentation.



Chef Mary Jane Miller



Filling jugs with soil.



Members enjoying our special Christmas lunch.

# Club News

## **PALO ALTO GARDEN CLUB NEWS District VI**

Since the submission of the garden club's activities through July, our 2025 year did not slow down until December. I was so excited to read the digital version of the NEWS in January. Nicely done! In August our meeting brought us to the little town of Ayrshire, Iowa. Our speaker for that month was a resident of Ayrshire who had created a beautiful butterfly garden at her home. Three guests were present. It was so fun to see all of the beautiful flowers she had in her garden and all of the pollinators flying around. We also recognized one of our members for being recipients of the 2025 Ruthven Citizens of the Year award during the Bully Bullhead celebration in Ruthven, Iowa. Another one of our members was also recognized for being selected as a special vendor for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Farmer's Market in downtown Des Moines, IA. A conservation tour was hosted by one of our garden club members at their farm and was attended by ten of our members. Finally, in August, a Chamber Coffee was hosted by the Willow Ridge Senior Living Center in Emmetsburg, Iowa to showcase all the hard work the garden club put in to beautify their neglected raised gardens.

In September our program for the month was presented by one of our members who has a goat business. We were able to tour the farm and learn more about her growing goat milk business. Most of the goat milk is used in her lotions, soaps and shampoos. She keeps very busy by setting up at many vendor shows. Also, during this month another of our members developed a rain garden. A few members were present to help with the "grunt" work and planting of many perennials.

In October, our meeting was held at the Lost Island Nature Center outside of Ruthven, Iowa. Our garden club member, who is a naturalist for the Palo Alto Conservation, did a program on the history of conservation, what her job is as a naturalist and all of the activities the employees at the Nature Center/Palo Alto County Conservation do. The raised gardens at the Willow Ridge Senior Living Facility were cleaned out for winter preparation. The downtown planters by the Five Island Lake mural in Emmetsburg, Iowa were cleared of spring/summer flowers and replaced with fall decorations. A garden club member, who is an ISU extension specialist, gave the club members an update regarding specialty events the extension is working on to increase 4-H membership.

During our November meeting we had two presentations. The first presentation was on the thirteen steps to flag folding demonstrated by three veterans. The second presentation was given by a greenhouse owner on planting and pruning of trees. During the month of November, the club donated food and supplies to the UDMO outreach office in Emmetsburg, Iowa. Through our donations we provided 50 lbs. of food for the food pantry. We also had some of our members volunteer to prep and pass out 50 holiday boxes before Thanksgiving.

During the month of December, committee members decorated a Christmas tree for the Christmas Tree Festival at the Lost Island Nature Center. The tree was beautifully decorated with a nature theme of cardinals, dried hydrangea and sedum. Also, during this month, the planters at the Five Island Lake mural were exchanged out to winter decorations. We concluded our season with an annual banquet which was catered by the Hospitality and Culinary Students from Iowa Lakes Community College. Games and musical entertainment were provided. 2026 officers were installed for another year. The Nursing home gifts donated by the garden club members were distributed after the meeting to the five local nursing homes in the county.

The officers of the club have made preparations for the new 2026 garden club season. Our programs for 2026 include topics of Radon, Conservation, botanical art, wildflowers, flower judging, rain garden, seed saving, indoor plants and gourds. We will resume our season in March, 2026. The public is always invited to our meetings and we can be checked out on our Facebook page of Palo Alto Garden Club.

Shirleen Helgeson – President, Palo Alto Garden Club

# Club News

## Kossuth Area Garden Club District VI

With 30 members the Kossuth Area Garden Club is embarking to be involved in “Hands On Gardening” in 2026. During our February meeting we learned how to make homemade suet cakes for birds with each member attending the meeting taking home a suet cake and metal holder. In March we will be building bird houses for placement in our own yards for our feathered friends. April will have us learning how to test our garden soil and correct any nutritional problems. In May we will be going to a local garden center and plant container gardens for our personal enjoyment.

This year members have been encouraged to sign up for two committees that are of interest to them. It is our desire to develop leadership qualities amongst our members, thus relieving club leadership of some of the responsibility of planning and implementing our various events.

Because of our success last year in sponsoring a one- day charter bus trip, we are again planning a trip to the Iowa Arboretum, and Reiman’s Garden. Our flower show schedule will soon be distributed to club members and the general public. We are looking forward to Garden Club Week during which we will be distributing a set of four children’s books written by former National President Garden Club President Brenda Moore to each children’s library in our county. We hope to have lots members attending the District VI and state meetings. We are anticipating a fun year as we enjoy “Hands On Gardening”

Walt Reemtsma



## Town & Country Garden Club Webster City District VI

Town & Country Garden Club finished 2025 with a program about Monarch Butterflies in August, Plant, Seed and Bulb exchange in September. October was a craft with rocks and clay. While November was making swags or wreaths with provided evergreens and gathered food for the local food pantry. The 2025 finale was the Christmas Luncheon and we were entertained by the High School Treble Choir. 2026 started slow with no January meeting due to the cold below zero temperatures. But, we have programs lined up with Interesting Folds, Daylilies Project Days and the District 6 meeting on April 28, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Webster City. Looking forward to sharing all about BEE IN THE GARDEN, as we have some exciting speakers lined up.

Spring is just around the corner!

Respectfully Submitted by Peggy Miller, Co-President.





# COMMITTEES

## **FGCI MEMBERSHIP**

Sela Bryhne

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

Lizzie Pruisner

## **HISTORIAN**

Sandra Gossman

## **JUDGES COUNCIL**

Peg Egertsen

## **FGCI FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL**

Terri Ewers

## **PARLIAMENTARIAN & PROTOCOL**

Walt Reemtsma

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL  
GARDENING SCHOOL  
LANDSCAPING DESIGN SCHOOL**

Victoria Rute

## **The Editor of the FGCI NEWS/Website**

Theresa Cooper

## **FGCI AWARDS**

Peg Egertsen

## **FGCI SCHOLARSHIPS**

Pat Thiede

## **FGCI YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Ruth Hamilton

## **FGCI BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKERS**

Jane Whitmore

## **FGCI Plant a Tree**

Sue Becker

## **FGCI PLANT IT PINK**

Janice Reemtsma

## **ARBOR DAY/TREES**

Penny Robb

## **BIRDS**

Debbie Lewiston

## **BUTTERFLY/BUTTERFLY GARDENS**

Sandy Quam

## **CONSERVATION**

Jean Klosterman

## **GARDEN THERAPY**

Jean Van Veldhuizen

## **INVASIVE SPECIES**

Darla Kickbush

## **OPERATION WILD FLOWERS**

Darla Kickbush

## **RECYCLE, REUSE & REPURPOSE**

Deb Specht

# Committee reports

## Plant a Tree

Thanks to all who are participating in Plant A Tree!  
Good going! Keep sending me your results.

American Hazelnut - *Corylis Americana*

A member of the birch family- Betulaceae.  
Native to Northern Hemisphere zones 4-9. It will grow 8' to 15' shrub/tree.  
Attributes: Attracts birds, squirrels, edible nuts and fall color.

I was in Fargo ND at a regional daylily convention and garden tours. I had to ask an employee at the garden what it was and he told me Hazelnut. It was in full bloom, just beautiful. He told me you have to pick the nuts right before they are ripe or the squirrels will get them. I planted two in my back yard I purchased from Arbor Day.  
Keep planting and giving!

Sue Becker  
Plant a Tree  
Chair

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## Conservation

### Why Shrubs Matter in Wildlife Habitats

Creating a thriving wildlife habitat in your garden or natural space not only benefits local ecosystems but also provides endless enjoyment for nature enthusiasts. One of the best ways to attract birds, insects, and wildlife is by planting the right shrubs. They offer vital food sources, shelter, and nesting sites, making them indispensable components for a wildlife-friendly environment that include:

**Food Sources:** Many shrubs produce berries, seeds, nectar, and foliage that various animals rely on for nourishment. **Shelter and Nesting:** Dense branches and leaves offer protection from predators and harsh weather. They are prime locations for nests and dens. **Biodiversity Support:** Shrubs encourage a balanced ecosystem by supporting pollinators such as bees and butterflies as well as predatory insects that help control pests. **Soil Health and Water Conservation:** Their root systems stabilize soil, reduce erosion, and help retain moisture in the landscape.

Remember that native shrubs are better adapted to local climate conditions and native wildlife utilize them more readily than non-natives. Do your research or consult regional extension services or native plant societies for specific recommendations. Note: Avoid excessive pruning so shrubs can offer dense cover needed by many animals for nesting or hiding from predators.

1. Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* spp.)

Birds (robins, thrushes), butterflies, small mammals. Provide early-season nectar for pollinators and sweet, edible berries in early summer.



## Committee reports

### Conservation cont.

2. Red-osier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)

Birds (cedar waxwings, thrushes), deer, pollinators. Produces white flowers followed by white berries loved by birds. Dense growth offers cover for nesting birds.

3. Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)

Birds (bluebirds, grosbeaks), pollinators (bees). Flowers offers abundant nectar early on followed by dark purple berries that attract fruit-eating birds.

4. American Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)

Squirrels, chipmunks, birds. Produces high-energy, edible nuts prized by many small mammals and some bird species. Dense foliage offers shelter.

5. Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

Pollinators (bees), birds. Valued for its peeling bark texture and clusters of white-pinkish flowers that attract bees. Supports diverse pollinator populations; dense form provides cover.

6. Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)

Pollinators (butterflies, bees). Features large conical white flower clusters that bloom mid-summer attracting numerous pollinating insects.

7. Butterfly Bush (*Buddleja davidii*)

Monarchs, swallowtails, bees. Long flower spikes produce a fragrant nectar that attracts butterflies from far distances.

Planting a variety of shrub species with staggered blooming seasons provide food resources year-round and supports a wider range of wildlife species. Combine shrubs with trees and herbaceous plants to create multi-layered habitats offering varied niches from ground level up through the canopy. Adding birdbaths or small ponds nearby increases activity by providing essential drinking and bathing spots.

(Source: [livetoplant.com](http://livetoplant.com))

Jean Klosterman, Conservation

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# FGCI Flower Show Judges

Sue Becker (M)

Janna Boyd (M)

Sela Bryhne (M)

Theresa Cooper (A)

Loreta Daisy (M)

Peggy Egertsen (M)

Terri Ewers (M)

Pam Gollob (M)

Sandra Gossman (M)

Mary Mai-Gengler (M)

Jean Klosterman (SJ)

Debbie Lewison (M)

Marlene Marolf (M)

Jenny Messer (A)

Yvonne McCormick (M)

Charla Pearce (M)

Sandy Quam (M)

Walter Reemtsma (A)

Mary Reyerson-Low (A)

Penny Robb (A)

Victoria Rute (M)

Helen Venneman (M)

Sandra Wales (M)

Angie Wilkins (A)

Shirley Wolf (M)

Steve Wolter (M)

All Contact information can be found in the print issue.

M- Master Judge  
A- Accredited Judge  
SJ- Student Judge



# 97th Annual FGCI Flower Show Schedule

## America the Beautiful

### Show Committee

**FGCI President**  
Schedule

Shirley Wolf

Staging

Shirley Wolf, Jean Klosterman

#### **Horticulture**

Classification

Judith Walrod, Cindy Sweeden

Placement

Volunteers

#### **Design Division & Botanical Arts**

Entry Chair

Angie Wilkins

Placement/Consultant

See each design class

#### **Award chairs**

Terri Ewers and Angie Wilkins

#### **Judges & Clerks**

Peg Egertsen

**Ways & Means/ Silent Auction** Shirley Wallace

### June 15<sup>th</sup> doors open 9:00

10:00am - 3:00pm

Flower Show exhibits accepted  
-All entries **must** be in place by 3PM

11:30am

Judges meeting

3:30pm

Show committee meeting, judges and clerks

4:00pm

Judging of all flower show entries

# 97th Annual FGCI Flower Show Schedule

## America the Beautiful

### GENERAL RULES

1. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc, (NGC). The Handbook for flower Shows (HB), 2017 Edition, with revisions printed in The National Gardener Magazine (NG) is the authority for all issues not covered by the schedule, which is the law of the show.
2. 3. 4. Only members of a FGCI Garden Club and invited guests may enter the show. Horticulture entry cards will be available the day of the show. Entries in the Design Division must be pre-registered with the consultant for each design class. See class for name, phone number, and/or email. The Design Entries Chair will prepare all entry cards for all design classes and give them to the design exhibitors on the day of the show.
5. 6. 7. Each Exhibitor is limited to one entry per class except in the Horticulture Division. All exhibits will be accepted from 11am-3pm on Monday June 15, 2026. Judging will begin at 4 pm June 15, 2026. Only Show Chairs, Classification Chairs, Judges and clerks will be allowed on the show floor during the time of judging. Judging will be by the NGC Standard System of Awarding, HB p.5 and any additions found in the National Gardener.
8. The Classification Chairs for each Division checks exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the Judges responsibility.
9. The General Chairs and the Classification chairs must be available during all judging for possible consultations. They along with the Judges and Clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
10. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
11. There must be an emphasis on fresh and/or dried plant material. No artificial plant material will be allowed in a division.
12. The Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
13. Plants on the state's endangered or conservative plant list must be grown by the exhibitor or collected in a legal manner and so identified. (State policy prevails). Noxious weeds and plants on the state's invasive plant list Are not permitted in any Division. List of Noxious weed can be downloaded at:  
<https://crops.extension.iastate.edu/encyclopedia/iowas-noxious-weed-law-chapter-317>

### AWARDS

#### NGC Standard system of Awards

- Only one first place (blue) ribbon per class or sub-class. Must score 90 or above.
- Only one second place (red) ribbon per class or sub-class. Must score 85 or above.
- Only one third place (yellow) ribbon per class or sub class. Must score 80 or above.
- One or more honorable mention (white) ribbons as merited. Must score 75 or above.

#### Horticulture NGC Top Exhibitor Awards

- The Award of Horticulture Excellence will be offered in Division I, Horticulture. (See Handbook, P 40).
- Arboreal Award will be offered in Division I, section E. (See Handbook, P 40).
- Seven Awards of Merit will be offered in Section A, B, C, D, F, G, H, (See Handbook, P 41).

Collectors showcase may be offered for the highest blue ribbon winner scoring 95 points or above and correctly named in class I and J.

### **Design Division NGC Top Exhibitor Awards**

The Award of Design Excellence will be offered in Division II, Design. (See Handbook, P 42).

One Tri-color Award will be offered in Section A. (See Handbook, P 43).

One Distinction Award will be offered in Section B. (See Handbook, P42).

One Designers Choice will be offered in Section C. (See Handbook, P 42).

One Table Artistry Award will be offered in Section D. (See Handbook, P 43).

### **Botanical Arts NGC Top Exhibitor Awards**

One Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award will be offered in Section A. (See Handbook, P 44).

### **Other Awards**

Two Sweepstake Awards will be offered-One in Horticulture Division and one in the Design Division, Counting only blue ribbons. Red ribbons will be counted to break ties. (See Handbook, P 46)

### **Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa Certificates of Excellence (formerly Traveling Trophies)**

The following Certificates of Excellence will be available to members of the FGCI.

#### **Horticulture Division**

Rusk Certificate of Excellence to the Award of Horticultural Excellence winner.

Smith Certificate of Excellence to the Horticulture Sweepstakes winner.

Otto Certificate of Excellence awarded by the State President and Flower show Chairmen to a worthy exhibit in the Horticulture Division that did not receive and NGC Top Exhibitor award.

#### **Design Division**

Williamson Certificate of Excellence to the Designer's Choice Award winner.

Barb Sylvester Certificate of Excellence to the highest scoring Award winner. (Petite)

Thomas Certificate of Excellence to the highest scoring Novice winner. (Design must score 90+)

Mable Prior Certificate of Excellence to any worthy design exhibit (90+) by a designer other than a judge.

Willason Certificate of Excellence to the Design Sweepstakes winner.

Davidson Certificate of Excellence awarded by the State President and Flower Show Chairmen to a worthy exhibit in the Design Division that did not receive a NGC Top Exhibitor Award.

Fran Smith Certificate of Excellence for the best second place floral design in the show.

## **Division I Horticulture "Beautiful Patriotic Songs"**

Award of Horticulture Excellence Offered

### **Horticulture Rules**

The NGC Policies are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division. Page 61, VI Petite Horticulture.

The rules for a single species cut or container grown specimen are listed in the Handbook for Flower Shows or its supplement, Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging.

**The Definition of Petite Horticulture:** Naturally small growth, or those designated as dwarf or miniature varieties or cultivars by nurseries and plant societies

4. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the “any Other Worthy Class.
5. 6. All plant material must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor. Exhibits must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for no fewer than 90 days. Exception: early maturing seeds/transplants and forced bulbs, corms/tubers/rhizomes, and early maturing crops. Arboreal require ownership of 6 months. Refer to the chart on (HB p.55) for species.
7. 8. Entry cards ( HB p. 57) fill out in pencil or waterproof ink. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by the application (treatment) of oil, commercial “shine” products, etc. that artificially change the natural color and texture.
9. Cut specimens must be displayed in clear bottles provided by the exhibitor of suitable and proportionate to specimen. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line.
10. All specimens should be correctly labeled with their binomial names or the currently accepted scientific identification for their educational value. Common name may also be added (HB p. 53-54) Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be listed in the “any other worthy” class.
11. An exhibitor may make more than one entry per class if each entry is a different species, variety, cultivar, type or color.
12. Wedging in the neck of a container to improve the pose of the specimen is permitted. Wedging may be visible but must not detract from the cut specimen. Plastic wedging to be provided by exhibitor.
13. Double potting is permitted, but the inner pot must not be visible.
14. The Classification Chairmen have the authority to subdivide classes by color, form, size, variety, cultivar or other distinguishing characteristics. (HB p. 3-4).
15. The Scale of Points for judging horticulture is listed on (HB p. 129).

## **DIVISION I HORTICULTURE “BEAUTIFUL PATRIOTIC SONGS”**

### **SECTION A- ANNUALS “You’re In The Army Now”**

- Class 1 *Ageratum*, 1 stem
- Class 2 *Angelonia augustifolia* Angelonia, 1 bloom
- Class 3 *Antirrhinum* Snapdragon, 1 stem
- Class 4 *Asteraceae zinnia* Zinnia, 1 disbudded stem
- Class 5 *Balsaminaceae* Impatiens, 1 stem
- Class 6 *Begoniaceae Begonia*, Fibrous rooted, 1 stem
- Class 7 *Calibrachoa* Million Bells, 1 spray
- Class 8 Celosia, 1 stem
- Class 9 *Centaurea cyanus* Bachelor’s Button, 1 stem
- Class 10 *Solenostemon scutellarioides* Coleus leaf 1” wide or smaller, 1 stem
- Class 11 *Dianthus* Annual Pinks, 1 stem
- Class 12 *Diascia* Twinspur, 1 Spray
- Class 13 *Lantana*, 1 stem
- Class 14 *Lobularia* Alyssum, 1 stem
- Class 15 *Solanaceae* Petunia, 1 spray
- Class 16 *Tagetes* Marigold See HB 142
  - a. 1 disbudded stem with large blossom
  - b. 1 spray
- Class 17 *Thymophylla* Dahlberg Daisy, 3 blooms
- Class 18 *Verbena*, 1 stem
- Class 19 *Violaceae* Viola or Pansy, 3 identical blooms without foliage
- Class 20 Any other miniature annual, named, 1 stem, bloom, or spray

## Section B- Perennials “Blowin` In the Wind”

- Class 21 *Aquilegia* Columbine, 1 spray  
a. single b. double  
Class 22 *Campulacae* Bellflower, 1 stem  
Class 23 *Coreopsis* Coreopsis, 1 bloom  
Class 24 *Dianthus* Pinks, 1 stem  
Class 25 *Dicentra* Fern-leaf bleeding heart, 1 stem  
Class 26 Grasses and Sedges (must be fresh), 5 stems  
Class 27 *Gypsophila* Baby’s Breath, 1 spray  
Class 28 *Hemerocallis* Daylily, 1 stem  
a. 2” or less  
1. Single  
2. Double  
b. Over 2” and up to 3 “  
1. Single  
2. Double  
c. Over 3” and up to 4 1/2”  
1. Single  
2. Double  
Class 29 *Hueuchera* Coral Bell  
a. 3 leaves (foliage)  
b. 3 blooms  
Class 30 *Hosta* Hosta, 1 leaf, based on mature size  
a. Less than 1” across  
b. 1” but less than 2”  
c. 2” up to 4”  
Class 31 *Nepeta* Catmint, 1 stem  
Class 32 *Platycodon grandiflora* Balloon flower, 1 stem  
Class 33 *Sedum*, 1 stem  
Class 34 Any other **small** perennial, named, 1 stem, bloom or spray

## SECTION C- BULBOUS “Anchors Away”

- Class 35 *Allium*, 1 stem  
Class 36 Lillium Miniature Lily, 1 stem, anthers present named  
Class 37 *Fritillaria meleagris* Fritillaria, 1 specimen  
Class 38 Any other flowering bulb, corm or tuber, 1 stem named

## SECTION D- *Rosa* MINIATURE-FLORA ROSES “The Spirit Of America”

Exhibited in water with two sets of leaves. See HB pp. 147-148 “A high scoring miniature has two or more fresh florets in bloom, buds in all stages of development, and more open blooms than buds.”

- Class 39 Micro-miniature rose, 1” or less  
a. single bloom  
b. spray  
Class 40 Miniature rose, over 1” up to 2”  
a. single bloom  
b. spray  
Class 41 Miniflora rose, intermediate bloom  
a. single bloom b. spray  
Class 42 Polyantha, spray

## SECTION E-ARBOREAL “This Land Is Your Land”

Specimens of dwarf for miniature cultivars may not exceed 18” in length with nodes and an apical tip.  
Class 43 Conifer, 1 specimen named

- Class 44 Deciduous, 1 specimen named
  - a. flowering b. foliage c. fruited
- Class 45 Shrub, evergreen, 1 specimen named

**SECTION F- SMALL VEGETABLES AND FRUIT “Ghost of Freedom”**

Classes 50 and 57 will be exhibited in water. All other classes in this section will be exhibited on white 6” paper plates, furnished by committee

- Class 46 *Allium cepa* Onions, 3 specimens
- Class 47 *Asparagus officinalis* Asparagus, 3 specimens, up to 6” long
- Class 48 *Brassica Broccoli*, 1 head
- Class 49 *Fragaria x ananassa* strawberries, 5 specimens
- Class 50 *Lactuca serriola* Lettuce, 1 plant in water
- Class 51 *Phaseolus vulgaris*, 5 specimens
  - a. Wax beans
  - b. Green beans
- Class 52 *Pisum sativum* Peas 3 specimens, in pod
  - a. Edible pod
  - b. Shell Pod
- Class 53 *Prunus cerasus* Cherries, 5 specimens, stems attached
- Class 54 *Raphanus sativus* Radish, ½” to 1” mature size, 5 specimens
- Class 55 *Rubus idaeus* Raspberries, 5 specimens, Stems removed
- Class 56 *Solanum tuberosum* Potatoes, new, 3 specimens
- Class 57 *Spinacia oleracea* Spinach, 1 plant in water
- Class 58 Any other **small** vegetable of fruit, named, 5 specimens

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**SECTION G-PETITE HERBS “Red, White, and Blue”**

Exhibited with 1 stem in water.

- Class 59 *Allium schoenoprasum* Chives
- Class 60 *Anethum graveolens* Dill
- Class 61 *Ocimum basilicum* Basil
- Class 62 *Petroselinum crispum* Parsley
- Class 63 *Rosmarinus officinalis* Rosemary
- Class 64 *Salvia officinalis* Sage
- Class 65 *Satureja* Savory
- Class 66 *Thymus serpyllum* Thyme
- Class 67 Any other herb, named

**SECTION H-CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS “This Is My Country”**

All containers are limited to maximum 6” diameter. Double-potting allowed

- Class 68 Cactus
- Class 69 *Saintpaulia* African violet, Single crown-except species and trailers
  - a. Semi-miniature
  - b. Miniature
- Class 70 Succulent
- Class 71 Any other **small** plant grown in container

**SECTION I-COLLECTABLES “An American Trilogy”**

A collection of 5 or more different specimens of **naturally small growth** and or designated as dwarf

varieties or cultivars of dwarf plants by nurseries of societies (HB Page 11) all must be individually labeled and exhibited in separate containers.

- Class 72 Cut roses
- Class 73 Cut annuals

Class 75 Cut bulbous plants  
Class 76 Cacti  
Class 77 Succulents  
Class 78 Herbs  
Class 79 Hostas  
Class 80 Heuchera  
Class 81 Container-grown plants

## **SECTION J- DISPLAYS “Battle Cry of Freedom”**

A display of 5 or more specimens of **naturally small growth**/or those designated as dwarf varieties or cultivars of dwarf plants by nurseries or societies. See HB, p 11. All must be individually labeled and exhibited in separate containers. Displays are staged for artistic effect as well as cultural perfection, with plant material dominant.

Class 82 Cut roses  
Class 83 Cut annuals  
Class 84 Cut perennials  
Class 85 Cut bulbous plants  
Class 86 Cacti  
Class 87 Succulents  
Class 88 Herbs  
Class 89 Hostas  
Class 90 Heuchera  
Class 91 Container plants

## **Division II Design**

### **“Beautiful Country”**

Award of Design Excellence Offered

#### **Design Rules**

1. The NG Exhibit Policies are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows Chapter 7, Exhibiting in the Design Division, NGC Policies and Guidelines.
2. A design entered in competition must be the current work of only one exhibitor and that exhibitors name must appear on the entry card.
3. An exhibitor may enter as many classes in the Design Division as desired unless the schedule limits the number of entries but only one exhibit per class.
4. Fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner. Plant material that has been treated to alter its exterior appearance may be used only in its dried state.
5. The designer has the freedom to choose Traditional or Creative style with any design type listed unless restricted by the schedule.
6. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type if named in the class.
7. Rules for Design Types, Advanced Design types, Table Designs and Table Appointments are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows. Chapter 14.
8. Entries in the Design Classes should be made in advance with the Design Entries Chairman. If a designer is unable to fulfill an assignment, it is the designer’s responsibility to provide a replacement and to notify the Design Entries Chairman.
9. Plant material used in designs need not have been grown by the exhibitor unless the schedule requires it

10. All plant material used in the design must be listed on a 3"x5" index card provided by exhibitor or committee.
11. No artificial flowers, foliage fruits or vegetables are permitted in the Design Division.
12. Landscapes or scenes are not permitted in the Design Division.
13. Plant materials and non-plant materials permitted and not permitted in the Design division are listed in HB pp.80-81.
14. Designer is on his/her honor that the design being entered has not been previously entered or judged in an NGC flower show.
15. The Design Scale of Points is listed in HB p 130.
16. American Flag or other country flag can not be used.

## **DIVISION II—DESIGN “Beautiful Country”**

**Required panel or niche required, size stated with each class. Black table covering provided.**

### **SECTION A- TRICOLOR “Beautiful for Patriot Dreams”**

Class 1. “Great Smokey Mountains” 5”

*Consultant: Angie Wilkins*

Please note the change from Sandra Quam to Angie Wilkins

Class 2. “Niagara Falls” 8” (some form of water)

*Consultant: Peg Eggertsen*

Class 3. “Grand Canyon” 12” Monochromatic

*Consultant: Jean Klosteman*

### **SECTION B-DISTINCTION “From Sea to Shining Sea”**

Class 4. “Above the Fruited Plain” 5”

*Consultant: Sue Becker*

Class 5. “Rockets Red Glare” 8”

*Consultant: Sandra Gossman*

Class 6. “Amber Waves of Grain” 12”

*Consultant: Theresa Cooper*

### **SECTION C-DESIGNERS CHOICE “America!! America!! ”**

Class 7. “U. S. A. Sports” 5”

*Consultant: Jenny Messer*

Class 8. “Dance Around the Clock” 8”

*Consultant: Victoria Rute*

Class 9. “ Together We Stand” 12” (Spatial Thrust)

*Consultant: Walter Reemtsma*

## **SECTION D-TABLE ARTISTRY “Crown Thy Good With Brotherhood”**

Class 10. “4<sup>th</sup> of July” 12” Exhibition Table

*Consultant: Sandra Wales*

Class 11. “Boston Tea Party” Table for two (A 8”L x 8W ” 5”H table supplied )

*Consultant: Terri Ewers*

Class 12. “American Bed & Breakfast” Tray space up to 8”

*Consultant: Steve Wolter*

## **DIVISION III - BOTANICAL ARTS “Creative Hobbies”**

Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award offered

Botanical Arts Rules

- 1.All Botanical Arts Horticulture, Design and Artistic Crafts exhibits must contain some plant material.
- 2.No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit.
3. The Scale of Points for judging Botanical Arts, Horticulture, Design, Artistic Crafts and Photography are listed in chapter 14 of the HB.
- 4.The General Guidelines for all Designs apply as printed in Chapter 11 of the HB, including a card provided by the exhibitor and listing plant material used in the design.
- 5.The rules for Botanical Artistic Crafts are printed in the HB, Chapter 10.
- 6.The Botanical Arts Classification committee will refuse to place any designs that contain plant material listed on the Iowa Noxious Weed List. <https://crops.extension.iastate.edu/encyclopedia/iowa-noxious-weed-law-chapter-317>

## **SECTION A - ARTISTIC CRAFTS “Life In America”**

All crafts are decorated with pieces of nature, ( rocks, seeds, flowers dried or fresh, ect.)

Class 1. “Fairy Garden” A small fairy garden under 12” diameter

*Consultant: Shirley Wolf*

Class 2. “Patriotic Holiday” Wrap a package no larger than 12”.

*Consultant: Mary Reyerson-Low*

Class 3. “Patriotic Bird House “no larger than 12”

*Consultant: Pam Gollob*

# State Convention Registration Form



## 97th Annual State Convention Registration Form

Send completed form and registration fee to FGCI Treasurer  
Heidi Folkestad · 2252 Scotch Ridge Rd · Carlisle, IA 50047

**Registration Fee \$ 70.00 due by June 5, 2026 - Checks payable to FGCI**

**Late Registration Fee (includes walk-ins) \$ 80.00 after June 5, 2026**

**Note:** If you are planning on staying at Cobblestone Hotel in Jefferson (connected to The Wild Rose Casino), rooms are **NOT** blocked for FGCI. Make your reservation ASAP (515-386-3535) using Discount code: Book15. Room rate is \$152.99 plus taxes and fees.

Garden Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Food Allergies/Dietary Restrictions**

- None
- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Kosher
- Gluten Free
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Status (Check all that apply)**

- Guest (not a club member)
- Club member
- FGCI Club President
- FGCI District Director
- FGCI Committee Chair
- Past FGCI State President
- Past FGCI Club President
- Past District Director
- FGCI Life Member
- Central Region Life Member
- National Life Member
- Accredited NGC Flower Show Judge

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**NEWS of the  
Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, Inc.  
4052 Lilac Ave  
Kensett, IA 50448**

**Iowa** is one of the seven states that makes up the Central Regions. The other States include Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin below is the websites of the states. Check out what other garden clubs are doing in our region



Illinois  
[gardenclubsofillinois.org](http://gardenclubsofillinois.org)



Minnesota  
[mngardenclubs.com](http://mngardenclubs.com)



Indiana  
[gardenclubofindiana.org](http://gardenclubofindiana.org)



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Wisconsin  
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