



THE GARDENERS

Founded March, 1907

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INFORMATION

The Gardeners strive to increase enthusiasm for horticulture, floral design, and photography while emphasizing conservation. We seek to build friendships and support for each other and to develop long-term relationships with diverse community groups to improve the natural world.

The vision of The Gardeners is to be an organization that nurtures a dynamic and diverse group of members, dedicated to expanding personal and community relationships, and rooted in the common love of the natural world.

All active members are encouraged to attend regular meetings hosted by The Gardeners during the year, as well as participate in Club Shows, workshops, civic involvement and other internal and external activities of the club. Members must be willing to serve on committees and enter in activities of the Club. Members submit an entry in at least one (1) of the Club shows or make decorative arrangements at the Christmas workshop or spring posey making events.

MEMBER VOLUNTEER DUTIES IN THE COMMUNITY

To protect The Gardeners Tax-exempt status, it is essential that an accurate record be kept of the volunteer hours of members that are spent on community projects. **Every active member is encouraged to volunteer at least two hours a year in one of the following projects.**

Stoneleigh

Stoneleigh is a unique garden blending history, horticulture, ecological and conservation values, and Natural Lands' emphasis on access to nature for all located at 1829 County Line Rd, Villanova, PA 19085. Civic Engagement workdays for The Gardeners is once a month from April through November.

Physic Garden at Pennsylvania Hospital

This garden, located at 5th and Spruce Streets, is a project of the Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Club of America. The Physic Garden is the jewel in the crown that makes up the Pennsylvania Hospital gardens. The Board of Managers first proposed the Physic Garden in 1774 to provide physicians with ingredients for medicines. In 1976, the planting of the garden was the bicentennial project of the Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Club of America and the Friends of Pennsylvania Hospital. The garden contains the plants and herbs that were used for medicines in the 18th century.

Magnolia Tribute Garden

Featuring thirteen Magnolias to honor our original thirteen colonies, this park was donated to the Independence National Historic Park by the Garden Club of America in 1959. Today the Park and member clubs of the Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Club of America maintain the garden.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Members can exhibit at The Philadelphia Flower Show and make floral arrangements for the patients at the Ronald McDonald House and for those in care facilities.

IMPORTANT MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Annual Fundraiser

All Gardeners are encouraged to contribute to the annual fundraiser that financially supports all of the club's activities throughout the year. See program for the date, time, and location.

Monthly Meetings

Members are encouraged to contact the head hostess to RSVP their attendance at meetings in a timely fashion.

Fertilizer Fund

It is expected that all members of The Gardeners will make a tax-deductible contribution to this annual fund, which underwrites the projects of the Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Club of America.

Philadelphia Flower Show

All Gardeners are encouraged to support the Club's entry(ies) in the Philadelphia Flower Show held each March.

HOSTESS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EVERY MEMBER

Every member is needed to be a refreshments-hostess at our meetings, once a year. Exceptions are made for those hosting events at their homes, and further exceptions will be made by the President for members giving extra service each year.

The hostesses work in small groups for meetings and will provide and share in the expense of refreshments and paper goods. Refreshments do not have to be elaborate and can be homemade. It is helpful to divide up responsibilities.

Finally, all hostesses will clean up following the conclusion of the meeting.