



Keeping in Touch



MARCH 2022



With Region Directors, State Presidents & Club Presidents

MARY'S MUSINGS

Whether you love or loath winter, there is no denying the beauty and tranquility of a garden in freshly fallen snow. It's magical. Colorful birds and berry-filled shrubs enhance the beauty of winter. But, enough already . . . As Spring approaches and our gardens awaken, we are eager to dig in the dirt preparing our gardens. Let's face it, we can't wait to get our hands in the rich soil.

Throughout these winter months we have stayed connected virtually through Membership Mondays, webinars, and Care to Share. The weekly blog and *The National Gardener* are wonderful sources of a variety of garden-related information.

Spring promises to bring additional ways to stay connected.

We are looking forward to the NGC Convention in the sunny state of Florida. We hope to see you at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando, May 16 - 19, 2022.

Mary Warshauer, President MWarshauer@gardenclub.org



Brenda's Blog

Spring is in the air and Spring makes us think about new beginnings or at

least a change from the past. One big change is we are planning to meet live in Orlando, Florida. We realize that Covid is still with us and might always be with us, but we need to try and step out of our isolation and wearing our pjs to meet with each other. We realize not everyone will be ready for this and we understand. We each have different comfort levels and we respect that. No matter what, I encourage us to continue to communicate, whether by e-mail, by Zoom, by phone or in person.

Finally, I encourage you to Play Outdoors. Take the time to go outside, plan your gardens and enjoy spring flowers.

Brenda Moore, 1st VP

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Although we are still in the first year of Mary Warshauer's administration, now is the time to think about if you would like to serve on the NGC Board of Directors for 2023-2025. If so, please fill out the following application and e-mail it in by June 1. Submitting an application isn't a guarantee that you'll serve on the BOD since spots are limited.

[2023-board-of-directors-application.pdf \(gardenclub.org\)](#)

State Presidents' Reports are due yearly by March 31

<https://gardenclubwebsite.wufoo.com/forms/s1h38zmm1vqhmfe/>

PLANT AHEAD!

- Mark your calendars as NGC designates April 2022 as PLANT AMERICA Month.
- Celebrate Earth Day, April 22, marking the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement which began in 1970, and National Arbor Day on the last Friday in April.
- Perhaps you, your garden clubs and families will make some plans to honor our earth and/or plant a tree. No matter your choice, let's keep our country **green** as we PLANT AMERICA!

<https://gardenclub.org/plant-america-0>



NGC Convention May 16, 2022 - May 19, 2022 Orlando, FL

Have you made your reservation at the hotel and NGC yet? Have you booked a flight or made travel plans?

[National Garden Clubs, Inc. 2022 Convention \(wufoo.com\)](#) [2022 NGC Convention Details | National Garden Clubs, Inc.](#)

NOTE: Every state is allowed delegates who have the ability to vote at the convention. The names of these delegates should be sent to the Credential's Chairman, Suzanne Potts smp9114@att.net and cc her assistant, Janice Miller, rdjemiller@gmail.com by April 15th, 2022.

The following are the NGC Bylaws on representation at conventions:

REPRESENTATION A delegate shall be entitled to one vote.

A. NGC Board of Directors - Each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one vote by virtue of their position.

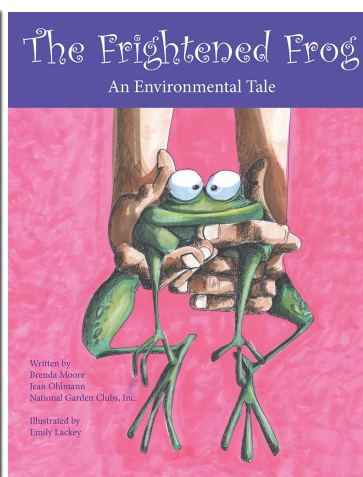
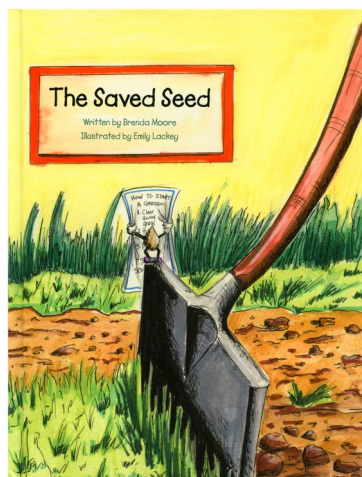
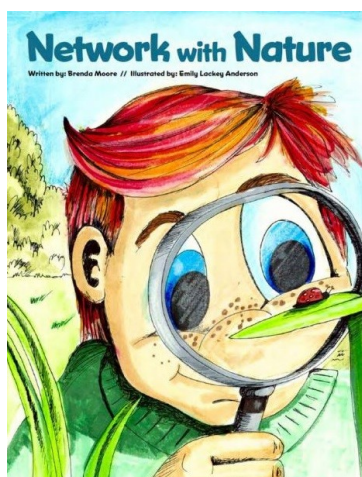
B. State Garden Clubs 1. In addition to member(s) serving on the Board of Directors, each State Garden Club shall be entitled to elected delegates and alternates based on dues remitted to NGC by October 31 and any additional dues remitted prior to March 31.

Membership of 500 or less - 2; Membership of 501 to 1,000 - 3; Membership of 1,001 to 1,500 - 4; Membership of 1,501 to 2,000 - 5; Membership of 2,001 to 3,000 - 6; Membership of 3,001 to 4,000 - 7; Membership of 4,001 to 5,000 - 8; Membership of 5,001 to 6,000 - 9; Membership of 6,001 to 8,000 - 10; Membership of 8,001 to 12,000 - 11; Membership of 12,001 and above - 12.

After registering at the convention, all those with voting rights will need to go to the credentials table to sign in and be given voting cards.

STATE PRESIDENTS AND REGION DIRECTORS should plan to attend the following meetings/activities at the convention: AWARDS LUNCHEON & REHEARSAL FOR BANQUET May 17th 11:30 a.m.; BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING May 17th 2:15-5:15 p.m.; AWARDS BANQUET May 17th 7:00 p.m.; STATE PRESIDENTS' and REGION DIRECTORS' MEETING May 18th 4-5 p.m.; BUSINESS MEETING May 18th and 19th 9:00 a.m.

REGION DIRECTORS ONLY should attend the SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING, Monday, May 16th 9-11:00 a.m. and the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, Tuesday, May 17th 8-11:00 a.m. All times are EDT. The Region Breakfast is simply an optional breakfast to be held in one room. Region members may sit together, if they so desire. There will be no program and no business may be conducted.



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Robin's Tweets

An Old Idea Finds New Life?

How many have been around long enough to remember Procedure Books? Maybe they were in school theme folders. Maybe they were filled with elderly information and stale examples of letters. Has your state discarded that old-school idea? But Procedure Books can find new life these days as new people join our organization. Knowing what it was like ITOD (In The Old Days) might aid in understanding the reason for the particular chairmanship and analyzing the position and suggesting new methods, new technologies that could help move your "train" down the track. Procedure Books can be digital and so shared with prospective board members to entice new people to join our leadership ranks. Procedure Books can be helpful for historical reasons so the old-fashioned hard copy is not all bad. Appoint a team to review every Procedure Book for relevancy and bring it up to date. If Procedure Books don't exist, then ask each member of your team to write their own. Start with a month by month list of activities. Some chairmanships may not have something to do every month but it's a place to start! Then, when the First VP tries to bring someone on board, they can point the new person to a Procedure Book. People are much more likely to agree to serve if they know EXACTLY what they are getting themselves into!

~ Robin Pokorski cgcirobin@gmail.com



GROW NATIVE!

Trees alter the environment in which we live by moderating the effects of climate, air pollution, water conservation and by providing wildlife habitat.

What to plant. Select species adapted for growth under local climate and soil conditions. Other considerations are a tree's mature height and shape (proper scale to fit the site and surrounding structures), root spread (small street spaces, cracked sidewalks, paved areas, building foundation, walls) longevity, rate of growth, site requirements: sun or shade and wet or dry site. Species attributes: flowers, fruits (nuts or large fruit in pedestrian areas), seasonal colors, and the susceptibility to disease, insects or to storm damage. Select healthiest specimen with the best form.

Where to plant. The site you select will determine your choice of tree, i.e., winter windbreak, summer cooling, sight or sound barrier. Do not plant trees under overhead wires or above underground utilities. Tree branches should be high enough for pedestrians to walk beneath.

How to plant. If at all possible prepare the planting site, a hole 3 times the diameter of the root ball, before you bring in the tree. Cut away and remove wire baskets, strings, burlap, plastic and container. Plant, by lifting the well-watered root ball into the planting space. Balance the tree upright on the firm center of the space. Fill to trunk flare and top of root ball at surrounding grade level. Mulch lightly, leaving a bare 3" circle around the trunk. Regularly, deep water throughout the first growing season. Avoid injuring the trunk. Stake if necessary.

"The best friend on earth of man is the tree." Frank Lloyd Wright

Audrey Coyle, Trees and Shrubs and PAT Initiative Chairman afloris@stratusiq.net c 484-459-9052

Dear State Presidents, don't forget to report to me the number of trees, preferably Native, planted by your members, before May 1, 2022. I am looking forward to thanking all of our members for their efforts at National Convention in May. Our President Mary will be very excited. Audrey Coyle afloris@stratusiq.net

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Our NGC President Mary Warshauer wants to put more tools in our members' hands which will be in the form of a booklet which will be available on our website. To this end, it is my pleasure to edit this booklet for Mary's vision. Please submit to me by June 1 your installations, invocations, benedictions, inspirations and any other tips and tricks to help our members. Thank you for your participation in making Mary's vision a reality.

Robin Pokorski , President's Project Chairman cgcirobin@gmail.com



Elva's Protocol Pointers

What is protocol?

It is being courteous, polite, gracious and hospitable, which is essential in the plans and procedure of any meeting, while honoring our officers and dignitaries. Extending invitations, correct seating of those at the Head Table and introductions are all forms of protocol etiquette. Using guest hospitality along with recognizing that in meetings of organizations, certain Officers have rank. The rank is to be considered in seating and introduction. In most cases, the higher the rank, the easier it will be to observe all the amenities. **Please** and **thank you** are words we need to utilize always.

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KIT is a pass along newsletter so please forward to your state officers, chairmen and club presidents

Membership Matters!



MEMBERSHIP MONDAYS - The 3Rs Workshop Series, a new benefit of your NGC membership

Join us March 14, 2022 for a special presentation of Membership Monday: **LEADERSHIP – Asking and Answering the Difficult Questions**, with Robin Pokorski and our NGC officers.

So many of our clubs are struggling with the same issues but don't want to speak them aloud for fear that some may realize about whom they are speaking. Enter the Membership Team, a group of very dedicated leaders who understand and want to help you succeed. In this workshop we will be your voice and our NGC officers will take the lead in helping you navigate the solutions.

Our special presenter will be Robin Pokorski, Leadership Chairperson for NGC, whose regular column, Robin's Nest, appears in KIT and TNG. Elected Director of Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. and former California Garden Clubs President, Robin is an active member of Southern California Garden Club. She is known as a talented, inspiring leader who loves garden club people, the work they do and making them laugh! Robin's upbeat style and penchant for laughter will be sure to bring humor and positive energy to these heavy topics. We look forward to being with you. Register at www.gardenclub.org/member-resources

-Trish Bender, Membership Committee Chairman
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Patty's Parliamentary Procedure Helps



What's the difference between tabling a motion, referring a motion, and postponing a motion?

As NGC Parliamentarian, I've been asked to address this question as part of an NGC Leadership Workshop on March 14th. I will share this information, as well, in this issue of *Keeping In Touch*. The three motions above are all subsidiary motions, meaning they are used by the assembly to treat, or dispose, of, a main motion. Notations after each motion below references where more detailed information can be found in Robert's Rules of Order (RONR) Newly Revised 12th Edition. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have for me. I am happy to serve the members of NGC!

Lay on the Table—this motion is used when there is a reason for the assembly to lay the motion aside **temporarily**, without setting a time for resuming its consideration, but, **with the provision that the motion can be taken up again (to Take From the Table)** whenever the majority so decides to do so. (RONR 12th ed. 17:1-24)

To Refer (or Commit) - this motion is used when a main motion needs to be amended, but it may take too much time to amend motion properly, or that additional information may be needed. By moving to "refer" the motion, it is turned over to a committee for study or redrafting before the assembly considers it further. It is generally used to send a pending question to a relatively small group of selected persons—a committee—so that the question may be carefully investigated and put into better condition for the assembly to consider. (RONR 12th ed. 13:1-26)

To Postpone (or to Postpone to a Certain Time or Postpone Definitely) - this is a motion by which action on a pending question can be put off, within limits, to a definite session, day, meeting, or hour, or until after a certain event. *Do not use the language "to defer" when making the motion to postpone.* A question may be postponed either so that it may be considered at a more convenient time, or because debate has shown reasons for holding off on a decision until a later time. Do NOT confuse with the motion to **Postpone Indefinitely**, as this will not postpone a motion, but will actually kill it. (RONR 12th ed. 14:1-22)

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