

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
87th Annual Convention
 Bloomin' on the Grand
 Grand Rapids, Michigan
 May 2-6, 2016

Tentative Schedule (Rev. 12/20/15)

Monday, May 2

7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Tri Refresher Meet at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel @ Lyon St. – Side Entrance	
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Tri Refresher	Meijer Gardens
8:30 a.m. - ALL DAY	Handbook Flower Show Schools Revision Committee Meeting	
Noon to 6:00 p.m.	Registration Opens for all Convention attendees	2 nd Floor Concourse
Noon	Credentials	2 nd Floor Concourse
8:00 a.m.	Storage Area Available	Behind Registration
8:00 a.m.	Floral Room Available	
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	National Flower Arrangers Workshop (Separate Registration Form)	

Tuesday, May 3

8 a.m.	Floral Room Available	
8 a.m. - Noon	Storage Area Available	Behind Registration
8 a.m. - Noon/ 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Registration Open	2 nd Floor Concourse
8 a.m. - Noon/1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Credentials Desk Open	2 nd Floor Concourse
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Finance Committee	
8:30 a.m. - ALL DAY	Manual for Flower Show Personnel & Instructors Revision Committee	
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	“From Garden to Table” – featuring Chef Josef M. Huber	
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon: PH&E Trustees, Finance, Organization Study, Committees	
1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Organization Study Committee	
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Scholarship Committee	
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	International Affiliates	
4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	PH&E Trustees Meeting	
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	International Affiliates Activities Committee	
6:00 p.m.	Executive Dinner (Invitation only)	
7:00 p.m.	National Flower Arrangers Dinner with Design Program (Separate Registration Form)	

Wednesday, May 4

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.	Photo Shoot for Photography Workshop – led by Arabella Dane	
8:00 a.m.	Office/Information Desk Open Available	
8:00 a.m.	Floral Room Available	
8:00 a.m.	Storage Area Available	
8 a.m. - Noon/1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Registration Open	2 nd Floor Concourse
8 a.m. - Noon/1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Credentials Desk Open	2 nd Floor Concourse
8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Executive Committee	
8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Flower Show Schools Committee	
9:00 a.m.	Educational and Commercial Exhibits Setup	Center Concourse
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Youth Committee	
9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Vendor Set up	
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Environmental Concerns/Conservation Committee	
10:00 a.m.-12 Noon	Educational Schools	
10:00 a.m.-12 Noon	Future Conventions Committee/Credentials/Protocol & Resolutions	
Noon	Vendors Open	
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon for Executive & Flower Show Schools Committee	
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee	
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Awards Committee	
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Gardening Study Schools Committee	
1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Executive Committee - resumes	
1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Flower Show Schools Committee - resumes	
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Leap into Leadership Committee	
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Landscape Design Schools Committee	
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Communication (Print) and (Non-Print) Committees	
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Outreach/Continuing Projects Committee	
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Membership Committee	
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Gardens Committee	
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Future Fall Boards Committee/Credentials/Protocol/Resolutions	

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	NGC President's Special Projects Committee	
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Golden Circle Committee	
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Liaison Committee	
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Environmental Studies School Committee	
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Horticulture Committee	
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	"Frightened Frog" Workshop, Lynne Ehnert	
	Youth Chairman and Committee	
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Photography Workshop – Arabella Dane	
4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Leap into Leadership Committee	
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	International Affiliates	
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	International Affiliates Flower Show Schools Committee	
5:00 p.m.	National Life Members Rehearsal for Banquet	Ambassador Ballroom
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Cocktails (Cash Bar)	Event Foyer
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Life Members Banquet	Ambassador Ballroom
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Three Men & a Tenor – Entertainment	

Thursday, May 5

6:30 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.	Habitat for Humanities Walk – Diane Dawson, Chairman	
8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Breakfast: Region Directors and State Presidents	
8:00 a.m.	Office Available	
8:00 a.m.	Floral Room Available	
8:00 a.m.	Storage Room Available	2 nd Floor Concourse
8: a.m. – Noon/2:15 p.m.- 5 p.m.	Registration Open	2 nd Floor Concourse
8: a.m. - Noon/2:15 p.m.-5 p.m.	Credentials Desk Open	2 nd Floor Concourse
9: a.m. - 7 p.m.	Educational & Commercial Exhibits Open	Center Concourse
9: a.m. - 7 p.m.	Vendors Open	2 nd Floor Concourse
9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Pantlind Ballroom
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Opening Luncheon - Dr. Douglas Tallamy, Keynote	Ambassador West
2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Convention Opening/Business Meeting	Pantlind Ballroom
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	"Leadership Workshop" - Robin Pokorski, NGC Chrm.	
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	"Containers OF Personality" Seminar - Carol Brodbeck	
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	"New Introductions" – Proven Winners Seminar Barbara Balgoyen Walters Garden, Zeeland, MI..	
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Cocktails (Cash Bar)	Event Foyer
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Design Banquet	Ambassador Ballroom

Friday, May 6

7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Breakfasts: for 8 Regions and International Affiliates	
8:00 a.m.	Office Available	
8:00 a.m.	Floral Room Available	
8:00 a.m. - Noon	Storage Area Available	2 nd Floor Concourse
9 a.m.-Noon/2 p.m.- 5 p.m.	Registration Open	2 nd Floor Concourse
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Educational and Commercial Exhibits	2 nd Floor Concourse
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Vendors Open-	
9 a.m. - Noon/2:15 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Credentials Desk Open	2 nd Floor Concourse
9:30 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.	Business Meeting resumes	Ambassador East
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Award of Excellence Luncheon &, Speaker, Ms. Theresa Pierno, President & CEO of the National Parks Conservation Assoc. "Celebration of 100 th Anniversary of National Parks"	Ambassador Ballroom
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Final Business Meeting	Pantlind Ballroom
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Bee Keeper Seminar– Meghan Milbrath, Coordinator Pollinator Initiative	
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	"What's New in Landscaping" Seminar - Mr. Tim Banfield, Outdoor Living, Inc.	
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	"Impact of Climate Change" Seminar – Dr. Alan Steinman, Director, Annis Water Resources Institute, Grand Valley State University	
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	"Encouraging Our New Generation" Seminar Robert Sollman	
5:00 p.m.	Vendors and Special Exhibits – Take Down	
5:00 p.m.	Awards Program Rehearsal for Banquet	Ambassador Ballroom
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Educational & Commercial Exhibits Take Down	Center Concourse
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Cocktail (Cash Bar)	Event Foyer
7:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet	Ambassador Ballroom

