

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

For more information on the NGC National Convention, please visit www.gardenclub.org

Sun., May 20

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration and Credentials Open
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Flower Room
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour A-Longwood Gardens
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. National Flower Arrangers Social Hour
- 7:30-9:30 p.m. National Flower Arrangers Dinner

Mon., May 21

- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration and Credentials
- 8:30-11 a.m. Organization Study Committee
- 8:30-11 a.m. Membership Committee
- 9 a.m.-1p.m. Tour B-Historic Philadelphia
 - Independence Hall
 - Liberty Bell
 - Constitution Center
- 11:15-12:15 p.m. Finance Committee
- Noon-1:30 p.m. Optional buffet lunch open to all members (must pre-purchase)
- 1:15-2:30 p.m. Finance Committee resumes
- 2-6 p.m. Tour C-Chanticleer Garden and Reception
- 2-4 p.m. Tour D - "Philadelphia in Bloom" Walking Tour (Limited to 15)
- 2-4 p.m. COMAAI Committee
- 2-4 p.m. Gardening Committee- *OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS
- 2-5 p.m. Awards Committee
- 2:30-4:30 p.m. IA Flower Show Schools Committee
- 2:45-3:35 p.m. PH&E Trustees
- 3-5 p.m. Sponsorships/Partnerships
- 4-7 p.m. Executive Committee
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Joint Meeting-COMAAI and IA Flower Show School
- Dinner on your own

Tues., May 22

- 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration and Credentials
- 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Vendors and Exhibits set up
- 8-10 a.m. Environmental Schools Committee
- 8-10 a.m. Gardening Schools Committee
- 8-10 a.m. Landscape Design Schools Committee
- 8:30 a.m.-Noon Flower Show Schools Committee
- 8:30-11 a.m. Communications: PRINT & NON-PRINT Committees
- 8:30-10:30 a.m. Future Conventions/Credentials/Protocol Committees
- 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tour E-Boat Trip to Bartram's Garden
- 8:30-9 a.m. State Presidents & Region Directors Meeting
- 9-11 a.m. Nominating Committee
- 9-11a.m. PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants
- 9-11 a.m. Horticulture Committee

- 9-11 a.m.
- 9 a.m.-Noon
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 9:30 a.m.-Noon
- 10 a.m.-Noon
- 10 a.m.-Noon
- 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 11 a.m.-Noon
- 11 a.m.-Noon
- 11a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- Lunch on your own
- 1-5 p.m.
- 2-5 p.m.
- 2-4 p.m.

- 4-5 p.m.
- 5-5:30 p.m.
- 6-7 p.m.
- 7-10 p.m.

- 10-11 p.m.

Wed., May 23, Opening Day of Convention

- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration Open
- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Vendors and Exhibits open
- 9-11:45 a.m. Business Session-Flag Ceremony (Sons of the American Revolution) and Mayor
- 10 a.m.-Noon Tour I-Philadelphia Mint (Spouse/Guest)
- Noon- 2 p.m. Opening Luncheon-Kent Russell, "Candy in the Garden"
- 2-5 p.m. Tour J-Eastern State Penitentiary (Spouse/Guest)
- 2:30-5:15 p.m. Seminars-Three Presentations:
 - 2:30-3:15 p.m. The Future of Public Horticulture: "Building a Pipeline of Talent for our Industry," Paul Redman, Longwood Gardens
 - 3:30-4:15 p.m. "Peonies: What You Need to Know but Never Knew to Ask," Kathleen Gagan
 - 4:30-5:15 p.m. "Help 'Love Bloom' with Flowers in Your Home ...designs for the celebratory moments in your life," Sharon McGukin
- 5 p.m. Rehearsal for Awards
- 6-7 p.m. Social Hour
- 7-10 p.m. Awards Banquet- Entertainment by the Mummers

Thurs., May 24

- 7:30-9 a.m. Regions Breakfast
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration Open
- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Vendors and Exhibits Open
- 9:15-11:45 a.m. Business Session

- Youth Committee
- Schools Database Committee
- Tour F-Longwood Gardens
- Tour G - PHS Community Gardens Tour
- Environmental Concerns/Conservation Committee
- Landscape Design Textbook Committee
- Schools Policies Committee
- Future Fall Board Meetings
- Scholarship Committee
- Golden Circle Committee
- Using Social Media for Your Committees - Blue Star, Grants, National Garden Week, Penny Pines, Legislation, Representatives to Organizations and Tours

- Vendors and Exhibits open
- Board of Directors Meeting
- Tour H-Historic Philadelphia-Museum of American Revolution

- International Affiliates Reception-33rd Floor
- Rehearsal for New Life Members
- Life Member Reception-33rd Floor
- NGC Life Member Banquet-Kirk Brown "John Bartram, The King's Gardener"
- NGC Life Member-33rd Floor, a spectacular panoramic view of Philadelphia at night

- Noon-2 p.m. Luncheon – “PHS and the Philadelphia Flower Show: Inspiring Gardeners and Transforming Communities,” Sam Lemheney and Matt Rader
- 2:30-5:15 p.m. Seminars-Three Presentations:
- 2:30-3:15 p.m. “How to Turn Kids into Gardeners,” Johanna Schoeller
- 3:30-4:15 p.m. “Garden Time,” Vera Bowen
- 4:30-5:15 p.m. “Connecting Gardeners to Food Pantries to End Food Waste in America,” Ample Harvest.org
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tour K (a) - Green Roof Tour
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tour K (b) - Green Roof Tour
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tour K (c) -Green Roof Tour
- 2:30-6:30 p.m. Tour L “History to Happy Hour” Brewery Tour (Spouse/Guest)
- 5 p.m. Vendors and Exhibits Close
- 6-7 p.m. Social Hour
- 7-10 p.m. Design Banquet, “Philadelphia Style-Love it, ”Jane Godshalk
- 10 p.m. Closing Program

Fri., May 25

- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tour M – Post-Convention Tour, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, N.J.
- 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Tour N – Post-Convention Tour: Winterthur, Brandywine River Museum, Brandywine Cottage, Reception and Dinner at Funny Fox Farm, Longwood Gardens’ Illuminated Fountain Display (Limit 50)

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**National Garden Clubs, Inc.
89th Annual Convention – May 20-24, 2018
Loews Philadelphia Hotel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

REGISTRATION FORM* DEADLINE: April 20, 2018

**Use separate form for each attendee*

Last Name		First Name	
Name for Badge			
Address			
City	State	Zip	Country
Phone	Cell	Email	
State Federation		Region	

Please check which of the following designations apply for 2017-2018:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Elected Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Appointed Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> International Affiliate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member/Number _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New NGC Life Member since 2017 | |

REGISTRATION FEE: Required for ANY function, including Tours

Full-time attendee, Part-time attendee, Spouse/Guest: for more than one function	\$50
Member, Spouse, Guest: for ONLY ONE FUNCTION, Volunteer	\$10
Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania attendees	\$10

MEALS:****4-Meal Plan** - Only for Full-Time Attendees**

May 23 - Wednesday	Opening Lunch & Awards Banquet	\$280
May 24 - Thursday	Lunch & Design Banquet	
May 21 - Monday	Buffet Lunch - Open to all members	\$60
May 22 - Tuesday	Reception - International Affiliates Only	n/c
May 22 - Tuesday	Life Member Banquet Includes Reception	\$90
May 22 - Tuesday	Life Member Banquet - Guest	\$95
May 23 - Wednesday	Opening Luncheon**	\$60
May 23 - Wednesday	Awards Banquet**	\$85
May 24 - Thursday	Regions Breakfasts	\$50
May 24 - Thursday	Luncheon**	\$60
May 24 - Thursday	Design Banquet**	\$85

TOURS:

May 20, Sunday	9-4	Tour A	Longwood Gardens & Lunch Voucher	\$75
May 21, Monday	9-1	Tour B	Historic Philadelphia (Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Constitution Center)	\$35
May 21, Monday	2-6	Tour C	Chanticleer Garden and Reception	\$65
May 21, Monday	2-4	Tour D	"Philadelphia in Bloom" Walking Tour (Limited to 15)	\$25
May 22, Tuesday	9-1:30	Tour E	Boat Trip to Bartram's Garden	\$75
May 22, Tuesday	9-4	Tour F	Longwood Gardens & Lunch Voucher	\$75
May 22, Tuesday	9:30-12pm	Tour G	PHS Community Gardens Tour	\$35
May 22, Tuesday	2-4	Tour H	Historic Philadelphia (Museum of American Revolution)	\$40
May 23, Wednesday	10-12	Tour I	Philadelphia Mint - Spouse/Guest	\$15
May 23, Wednesday	2-5	Tour J	Eastern State Penitentiary - Spouse/Guest	\$25
May 24, Thursday	2:30-3:30	Tour K(a)	Green Roof Tour	\$25
May 24, Thursday	2:30-3:30	Tour K(b)	Green Roof Tour	\$25
May 24, Thursday	2:30-3:30	Tour K(c)	Green Roof Tour	\$25

May 24, Thursday	2:30-6:30	Tour L	"History to Happy Hour" Brewery Spouse/Guest Tour	\$85
May 25, Friday	9-3	Tour M	Post-Convention Tour: Grounds for Sculpture	\$75
May 25, Friday	9-10:30	Tour N	Post-Convention Tour: - Winterthur - Brandywine River Museum - Brandywine Cottage - Reception and Dinner - Longwood Gardens' Illuminated Fountain Display (Limited 50)	\$175

REGISTRATION LATE FEE after April 20, 2018	\$50
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TOUR LATE FEE after April 20, 2018	\$20
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Total Amount Due:

"I understand and accept NGC's refund policy that **NO REFUNDS** will be issued **after April 20th** and that the remittance will be considered a donation. Refunds requested **PRIOR** to the registration deadline of April 20th will be subject to retention of the registration fee".

Please initial →

Please list any dietary restrictions due to **ALLERGIES** or **MEDICAL REASONS**:

Note: No Refunds after April 20, 2018.

No Walk-Ins will be accepted.

If you are mailing your Registration:

Make check payable to: NGC, Inc. 2018 Convention

Mail check and Registration Form to:

Jill Evans, 1503 Boyer Boulevard

Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462-2646

Questions?

Email: ngcphilly@gmail.com

Or call: 610-279-9762

Online Registration at www.gardenclub.org

Log In ID: member

Password: Pumpkin

Use your Visa or Mastercard

International Affiliates: Contact Idalia Aguilar at idaliaaguilar@hotmail.com

Loews Philadelphia Hotel – 1200 Market Street – Philadelphia, PA 19107 – 215-627-1200

Deadline for Hotel Reservations: 5:00 p.m. EDT, April 20, 2018

Ask for: **National Garden Clubs**

Room Rate: Before January 31, 2018

Single \$219, Double \$219, Triple \$244, Quad \$269

Room Rate: After January 31, 2018

Single \$239, Double \$239, Triple \$264, Quad \$289

Online Hotel Reservations: <https://aws.passkey.com/e/49080702>

Hotel Valet Parking: \$48/day

Alternate Parking: Daytime \$16,

Overnight \$28

(One Block from Loews)

(Underground Parking in the Wanamaker Building beneath Macy's Department Store)

Entrance 51-99 South Juniper Street

Philadelphia, PA

Ground transportation: This hotel does not provide shuttle service

Recommended Transportation:

From Philadelphia International Airport, SEPTA Regional Rail trains depart the airport every half hour and stop at Jefferson Station. Use the 12th Street Exit. The Loews Hotel is located on the corner of 12th and Market Streets. Fare for Senior Citizens with a Medicare Card is \$1.00.

If using Amtrak, detrain at 30th Street Station in Philadelphia and board any SEPTA Regional Rail train that stops at Jefferson Station. Use the 12th Street Exit. The Loews Hotel is located on the corner of 12th and Market Streets. Fare for Senior Citizens with a Medicare Card is \$1.00.