

Memberships

National Garden Clubs Inc. (NGC)



Garden Club Federation of
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Affiliations

Massachusetts Horticultural Society



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Reading Garden Club



Organized 1956

Federated 1958

Forty-nine Active Members

*"The love of gardening is a seed
once sown that never dies."*

~~ Gertrude Jekyll

About Us

The mission of the Reading Garden Club is to encourage an active interest in horticulture and conservation among the amateur gardeners in the community and to further the knowledge of beautifying town and home.

The Club was organized in 1956 and federated in 1958. Membership is limited to 49 Active Members, and anyone in Reading or an abutting town is eligible for membership. The dues are \$45 per year. The Club meets the second Thursday of each month, October through June.

At meetings, a variety of garden and horticultural topics are presented by speakers, and at least once a year we have a hands-on workshop.

Our major fundraiser is the Geraniums and More Plant and Bake Sale, held at the Reading Public Library. The Club also maintains gardens throughout Reading, and our members participate in the Boston Flower Show and Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts. We also provide several outings a year to our members.



Committees

All Club members serve on one or more of the following committees:

- **Adopt an Island:** Provides liaison between the town and various organizations, clubs, and individuals who request an AAI site. There are currently more than 100 sites throughout town.
- **Civic Beautification:** Plants and maintains gardens at the Reading Public Library, urns at the Town Hall, and an Adopt an Island site at the train station.
- **Community Outreach:** Coordinates visits to Daniels Nursing Home, represents the Club at community events, and organizes the Club's monthly Food Pantry drives.
- **Flower Press:** Coordinates, prepares, and distributes the Club newsletter.
- **Horticulture:** Plants and maintains period gardens at the Parker Tavern and decorates the Tavern for the Holiday Open House every other year.
- **Hospitality:** Organizes the Club's monthly meeting luncheons.
- **Membership:** Keeps an account of all members, maintains meeting sign-up sheets and tracks member attendance. Provides applications, explanations of committees,

and Club Rules.

- **Outings:** Plans several trips during Garden Club season.
- **Press & Historian:** Writes reports of Club events for local newspapers, maintains the Club's scrapbook and handles ads and publicity.
- **Scheduling:** Maintains watering/weeding schedules for the Parker Tavern, the Reading Public Library Celebration Garden, and the Adopt an Island site at the train station.
- **Ways & Means:** Organizes all Club fundraising, including the annual Memory Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Geraniums and More Plant and Bake sale.

