

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**  
**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**Convention April 30 – May 5, 2023**  
**“Almost Heaven”**



**Sunday, April 30**

**Pre-Convention**

- 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. NGC Staff Office/Storage
- 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Floral Workroom
- 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration
- 3:00 p.m.-5:00 pm. Tour 1: Greenbrier Legacy Homes
- 6:00 p.m. Optional dinner at the Schoolhouse Hotel in White Sulphur Springs (pre-purchased)

**Monday, May 1**

**Committee Day**

- 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. NGC Staff Office/Storage
- 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Floral Workroom
- 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Awards Room
- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration & Credentials
- 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Organizational Study Committee Meeting
- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Gardening School Committee Meeting
- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Environmental School Committee Meeting
- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Landscape Design School Committee Meeting
- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Flower Show School Committee Meeting
- 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tour 2: Historic Lewisburg Tour
- 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tour 3: Greenbrier Bunker Tour
  
- 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Optional Lunch (pre-purchased)
  
- 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Vendors & Exhibits
- 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Tour 3: Greenbrier Bunker Tour
- 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Plant America Committee Meeting
- 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Scholarship Committee Meeting
- 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Schools Policy Committee Meeting
- 3:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. COMAI General Assembly Meeting
- 3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Meetings Committee Meeting
- 3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m. PH&E Trustees Meeting
- 3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Sponsorship Committee Meeting

Dinner On your own

## Tuesday, May 2

### Awards Day

- 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. NGC Staff Office/Storage  
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Floral Workroom  
7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Awards Room  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibits/Vendors  
8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting  
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Gardening Committee Meeting  
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Horticulture Committee Meeting  
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Virtual Resources Committee Meeting  
9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tour 2: Historic Lewisburg Tour  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tour 3: Greenbrier Bunker Tour  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tour 4: Greenbrier Floral Designer John Gillespie's Workshop and  
DIY Network Barnwood Builders Store
- 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Optional luncheon (pre-purchased)
- 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. State Presidents Awards Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 2:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. COMAII General Assembly Meeting  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Social Hour  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Awards Banquet- Speakers: Award of Excellence Winners; State Awards

## Wed., May 3

### Design/Horticulture Day

- 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. NGC Staff Office/Storage  
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Floral Workroom  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibits/Vendors  
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Tour 5: Spouse Tour: Distillery/Brewery Tour
- 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. **Business Meeting: Opening Session**
- 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Luncheon-Speaker: Kevin Dodge "Night Sounds of the Appalachians"
- 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. 2023-25 Executive Committee meeting  
2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Seminar 1: Art Chadwick "How To Grow Orchids in the Home"  
3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Seminar 2: Frank Ceravalo "Improve Your Garden Images" (No matter the camera)
- 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Current and Incoming State Presidents & Region Directors Meeting  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Social Hour  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Design Banquet with Designer: John Gillespie  
"A 100 Year Legacy of Gillespie's Flowers at the Greenbrier"

**Thurs., May 4**

7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. NGC Staff Office/Storage  
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Floral Workroom  
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration/Exhibits/Vendors  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tour 6: Spouse/Guest Tour: Falconry Group Lesson

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. ***Business Meeting: Closing Session***

12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Luncheon-Speaker: Jan Bills, "Comfort, Ease and Simplicity in the Garden"

2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Seminar 3: Claire Shuchman "The Cutting Garden"

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Seminar 4: Jan Runyan & Bill Beatty "Birding Essentials"

2:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Tour 4 **Group 1**: Greenbrier Floral Designer John Gillespie's Workshop and DIY Network  
Barnwood Builders store

3:30 p.m. -5:15 p.m. Tour 4 **Group 2**: Greenbrier Floral Designer John Gillespie's Workshop and DIY Network  
Barnwood Builders store

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Inauguration Banquet

Dessert reception hosted by West Virginia Garden Club

**Sine Die - Convention closes.**

**Friday, May 5**

7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. ***2023-2025 Board of Directors Meeting with continental breakfast***

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